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Lamont heads anti-Brussels attack

Clarke turns his fire on Euro-sceptics

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

KENNETH Clarke took on the Conservative Euro-sceptics one by one in the Commons in a bruising encounter before last night's Commons confidence vote on the European finance Bill. He accused them of being in league with Labour and the Liberal Democrats as he sought to face down the threatened backbench rebellion. The Chancellor's combative hour-long performance made him few friends on the Right and pleased Cabinet colleagues, including John Major, who was sitting alongside him. His predecessor, Norman Lamont, underlined his claims to be the standard-bearer of the Tory Euro-sceptics with a speech in which he repeated that Britain might have to consider withdrawal from the European Union.

Mr Lamont, whom the anti-Major faction has been pushing as a leadership candidate, questioned Mr Major's decision to turn the debate into a confidence issue, saying that it might give the impression that the Commons would be a "rubber stamp" for whatever was agreed at the 1996 inter-governmental conference on the future of Europe. He said: "I have become persuaded that we have to consider all the options if we cannot negotiate

"odds-on certainty", was involved in frequent clashes with the sceptics as he defended the Bill, which raises payments to the EU by £75 million next year and £250 million a year by 1999. In one angry confrontation he accused Bill Cash, a leading Euro-sceptic, of talking "alarmist nonsense" about the cost of British membership. Mr Cash accused Mr Clarke of making a "serious omission" of not disclosing the revised estimate of this year's contributions in a letter he sent to all MPs defending the "modest" increases contained in the Bill. Teresa Gorman said the British people could not understand why the Government was throwing at Europe a sum of money roughly equivalent to the amount it was gathering by levying VAT on domestic fuel.

Minister disclaims title to help Major

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

LORD James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Office Minister, disclaimed his hereditary peerage yesterday to enable him to vote with the Government on the European Finance Bill. He said he made the decision out of loyalty to the Prime Minister and the Conservative Party. In a late attempt to help John Major to avoid defeat on the Bill, Lord James renounced the title of Earl of Selkirk a few minutes before MPs began their critical debate on Europe.

Lord James admitted to last-minute doubts. He said that, as he waited to sign the instrument of disclaimer in the office of the House of Lords Clerk of the Crown, he had "one or two seconds of mixed feelings, but in the end I feel a Commons man". The death of the tenth Earl of Selkirk last week has divided the family on the question of who is the rightful heir. As Lord James disclaimed the title, his cousin Alasdair produced an official letter that he said supported his claim to the peerage.

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Dahmer: survived an earlier attack

'Silence of the Lambs' serial killer beaten to death
JEFFREY Dahmer, the serial killer who confessed to murdering 17 young boys during a 13-year binge of cannibalism and homosexual necrophilia, died yesterday after being attacked by another inmate while cleaning a toilet at the maximum security prison where he was serving his multiple life sentences. A third man was also killed.

Dahmer, who was often compared to the Hannibal Lecter character played by Sir Anthony Hopkins in the hit film *The Silence of the Lambs*, suffered extensive head injuries in the attack and died on the way to hospital. "There was a great deal of blood in the area of the attack," said Joe Scislowicz, a spokesman at the Columbia Correctional

Institute in Portage, Wisconsin. A bloody brown handle was found at the scene. Another prisoner has been taken into custody on suspicion of carrying out the attack. The man held was working with Dahmer and a third inmate in a bathroom next to a basketball court. One of the two guards overseeing them had just left the basketball court when the attack took place. The whereabouts of the second guard are unknown.

Dahmer's body was found in the bathroom, which is used by staff. Jesse Anderson, the second dead man, was serving a sentence for murdering his wife. He was found in the prisoners' bathroom on the other side of the basketball court. From the moment of his arrest in July 1991, Dahmer's crimes gripped international attention as some of the most



Mark Allen with one of the "priceless" gold bracelets he found on a bypass route

Road dig strikes gold

By John Shaw

AN ARCHAEOLOGY student described yesterday how he found two Bronze Age bracelets made of gold, among the oldest objects found in Britain this century. Mark Allen, 20, of Cotgrave, Nottingham, a second-year student at Bradford University, was working on a dig on the route of the new Derby southern bypass when he made the discovery. Mr Allen, on a nine-month work placement scheme with

the field archaeology unit from Birmingham University said he was "gobsmacked" by the discovery. The items date from the time of Stonehenge and will shed new light on an important period of pre-history, Gwilym Hughes, of Birmingham University, said. He led the team from the field archaeology unit who also found a bronze dagger and part of its wood and leather scabbard. The finds were described by Mr Hughes as being of "international importance" as they are evidence of links with southern Ireland, Scotland and northwest Britain between 2100-1600 BC. The broad bracelets were made of thin sheet gold and decorated "with breathtaking skill", Mr Hughes said.

One weighed 28.16 grams and the other 34.86 grams. Ownership will be decided by the Leicestershire North coroner. For now they are in the care of the British Museum. Asked their value, Mr Hughes shrugged and said: "Priceless."

Judges seek disclosure by Howard

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

MICHAEL Howard was last night considering whether to appeal to the House of Lords after the High Court ruled he must disclose secret evidence which could clear three men jailed for the murder of the newsboy Carl Bridgewater. The Government suffered its third humiliating defeat in the courts in three weeks when Lord Justice Simon Brown said Mr Howard and previous Home Secretaries had acted unfairly in not revealing documents in the Bridgewater case and three others. The Home Secretary was given 14 days in which to petition the House of Lords before handing over the evidence to the three men's lawyers.

Women turn to The Times

More women are making *The Times* their daily newspaper. According to the National Readership Survey, *The Times* gained more women readers than any other national newspaper, weekday or Sunday, between May and October compared with the same six months last year. Readership of *The Times* among women increased by 31 per cent, against falls of 26 per cent for *The Guardian* and 19.5 per cent for *The Independent*. Polls point to Norwegian no. Norwegians voted to reject membership of the European Union in a referendum yesterday, according to two exit polls broadcast on television minutes after the polls closed. One forecast a majority of 50.2 per cent to 49.8 per cent against membership; the other predicted 52.6 to 47.4.

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Clinton holds crisis sessions to resolve Nato rift over Bosnia

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

CRISIS meetings were being held in Washington yesterday as the glaring rift in Nato over Bosnia-Herzegovina policy widened, and a keynote speech by the US Secretary of State, expected to reflect American commitment to European security, was cancelled. Warren Christopher's speech at the National Defence University yesterday had been expected to support an expanded Nato and a strengthened security system through the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). The cancellation was further evidence of the growing confusion in the Western alliance over Bosnia policy, reinforced yesterday by a statement from Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, which was strongly critical of the Americans.

The State Department, which began two days of intensive crisis meetings yesterday, gave no reason for the cancellation of the speech which had been viewed by European diplomats as a blueprint for forthcoming American diplomacy. Since the effective fall of Bihac caused the latest and most divisive crack in the alliance, the Clinton Administration has been in disarray. The White House has been struggling to define a united policy towards Bosnia, pleasing both its allies and Republicans in Congress, who have insisted they will push for a unilateral lifting of the arms embargo against the Muslim-led Bosnian government. The transatlantic row reached a nadir this weekend when Robert Dole, the incoming Senate Majority Leader who will be meeting John Major and Douglas Hurd in London tomorrow, singled out Britain as the obstacle to an enforced peace in Bihac. Mr

Dole said the Anglo-French concept of "safe havens", implemented 16 months ago, was unworkable and the UN should no longer defer air strikes for talks that undermined the credibility of both the UN and Nato.

The White House attempted to defuse the row yesterday by saying the only real hope lay in a negotiated deal, while at the same time emphasising that 2,000 US Marines, moored off the Balkans, would not enter any ground war.

President Clinton was meeting senior members of his Administration at the White House to review the deteriorating situation, both on the ground and in relations with European capitals. Officials were preparing to fly to Brus-

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sels tomorrow to discuss the outcome of their talks. Ultimately, it is the refusal of the United States to send ground troops which is at the root of the row. Although Washington pays for the lion's share of peacekeeping in Bosnia, the absence of any military presence has robbed it of much of its authority. It undermines any arguments in favour of harsher bombing and has created resentment among European governments, who see it as a luxury for the Americans to act tough without having to worry about Serb reprisals - as was proven this week by the taking of hostages.

Responding to Mr Dole's criticisms, Mr Rifkind said: "It will become people [who] have not provided a single soldier on the ground to make that kind of criticism."

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Handful of crumbs tempts Tories out of the bush



Cash: feeding the nervous flock

The House of Commons did not sit yesterday afternoon. Instead there was an extended meeting of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, with the Cabinet invited to attend. Such was the attendance, it was necessary to hold this assembly in the Commons Chamber.

Or so it seemed. There were, it is true, observers from the Opposition parties present. Unaccountably, the Mace was in its place and Madam Speaker turned up, perhaps out of curiosity. Even the *Hansard* writers seemed to be there, scribbling furiously, as did the Press — who are not normally allowed to sit in

on internal Tory rows. But this was not, surely, a Commons debate? There was hardly a squeak from the Labour Party, who confined themselves mostly to giggling while the Tories squabbled. The Chancellor of the Exchequer — his neck cricked from arguing with the MPs behind him — berated Labour members opposite for their low profile. "I ask them to go away. They have no place here. My hon friend for Stafford [Bill Cash] will tell them when they can come back to vote."

But the Opposition's silence was well-judged. Nothing brings a Tory to heel behind his Party more swiftly than an attack by Labour. So the



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Opposition were silent, like camouflaged twitchers hoping to convince some nervous birds that they weren't there at all. Tony Blair kept his head absolutely still, moving not a muscle, as little Tory birds from the back benches, emboldened by silence, began to cheep. Some of the braver ones hopped forwards to where Bill Cash and his rebels, holding their breath, held out bread-crumbs.

Had Labour made a sound, they would have scared the shy, Tufted Sceptics and

watcher" and Kenneth Clarke as "bird-watcher". Hush Puppies enthusiasts. On yesterday's showing, Clarke's hobby entry should be amended to "bird-scatter" for he seemed to have left his soft shoes behind. The parliamentary flock were treated to 64 minutes of shouts, bangs, squeals and statistics. The tame birds (already inside the Whips' aviary) were used to this but wilder ones looked alarmed.

Teresa Gorman (in pink), the Billerica Euro-rebel who has become a sort of killer budgie these days, has gone completely feral and was coming nowhere near Mr Clarke, though she did blow him a kiss when he credited her with consistency. Bill

Walker, a demented parrot from Tayside North, was actually edging to feed at the Chancellor's tables when a great blast of "that really won't do!" from Clarke scared him away. Norman Lamont played a shrewder twitcher. He has borrowed one of those bird-enticing whistles and learnt how to make all the Euro-sceptical calls. His song was calm and lucid.

As I left the Chamber, a dozen little Tory birds were inclining their heads Lamont's way. Maybe he hopes others will hop towards him by tomorrow's deadline for a leadership contest. In a party like the Conservatives, it may be possible to find 34 little tits.

Hundreds of police tackle M11 protesters

Seven hundred police moved in yesterday to try to clear the last outpost of resistance to the M11 link road in Leytonstone, east London. The officers, in full riot gear and backed by cranes and bulldozers, confronted 500 protesters who have food for at least two days and last night were predicting a lengthy stand-off.

As the first protesters were led away, one woman was arrested but not charged. Another woman was reported to have been injured.

BBC abroad

The BBC is to launch two English-language cable and satellite television stations on the Continent and Scandinavia in January. The 24-hour international news and information channel, BBC World, is expected to reach 10 million households within two years.

Poppy ruling

Magistrates may wear remembrance poppies in court, the Government says. The announcement comes after a bench chairman advised magistrates not to wear poppies as it might suggest bias and upset defendants.

Bar concern

Robert Seabrook, QC, Bar Council chairman, expressed concern at the action of the Crown Prosecution Service in suspending Neil Addison, a senior prosecutor who wrote in *The Times* about the likely effects of privatising the CPS.

Jaguar battle

Union leaders will today mount a campaign to persuade workers at Jaguar not to strike over pay. Assembly line workers start voting next Monday on industrial action after rejecting a two-year 8.7 per cent offer.

Rushdie plea

Salman Rushdie has appealed to the French, German and Greek foreign ministers to step up the pressure on the Iranian government to lift the death sentence imposed on him. The author said he was encouraged by their response.

Jewellery raid

Jewellery worth £200,000 has been stolen from two women whose car was hemmed in by three men in Park Lane, central London. The women dealers were returning from an antiques fair and had the jewelry in plastic bags.

Asian attacked

Mohan Singh Kullar, 60, from Ciria, West Glamorgan, was beaten with a brick by youths who lured him out of his shop by making a disturbance in what police said was a racial attack. He was on a life-support machine last night.

The caption to a front-page photograph yesterday stated incorrectly that Benazir Bhutto, prime minister of Pakistan, was accompanied by the wife of Pakistan's High Commissioner. Miss Bhutto was in fact pictured with her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, and we apologise for the mistake.

Spring seeks accord by end of week

Irish party leaders prepare to revive Dublin coalition

By NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DICK Spring, leader of the Irish Labour Party, said last night that he hoped negotiations could begin today to form a new coalition government with Fianna Fail.

In an interview on Irish television he said he hoped quick progress could be made after he met Bertie Ahern, the newly elected leader of Fianna Fail, earlier in the day. Mr Spring, who resigned from the government two weeks ago in a dispute over a senior legal appointment, said he was aiming for a new administration "by the end of this week or certainly by early next week if we make the progress that we would all hope for."

The former Deputy Prime Minister added: "What we are looking to is putting together a government that offers the best prospects in tackling the ongoing difficulties be it in terms of unemployment or Northern Ireland or other issues." However, he added that negotiations had not begun, and progress would depend on Fianna Fail's response to a position paper.

His comments were made after an opinion poll in yesterday's *Irish Times* showed that 63 per cent were in favour of a renewed coalition between Labour and Fianna Fail. At their meeting Mr Spring and Mr Ahern agreed to keep in touch to discuss issues that have divided the parties since the Labour leader resigned from the government two weeks ago.

Sources from both parties made clear that a renewed coalition was their preferred choice after yesterday's opinion poll also showed little support for a general election or a coalition between Labour and the opposition Fine Gael.

Before the meeting Mr Ahern was upbeat about a new coalition with Labour. He said: "There are a few items, and only a few, that we would like to have some discussion on." He added that the coalition's existing programme for government, which was hammered out in lengthy negotiations after the last election two years ago, was working well.

The two parties are unlikely

to reach agreement by tomorrow when the Dail is scheduled to elect a new Prime Minister in the wake of Albert Reynolds's resignation. The session is likely to be adjourned to give Fianna Fail and Labour more time to resolve their differences.

Mr Spring yesterday also met John Bruton, leader of Fine Gael. It is understood that he told him that Labour was not planning to enter a "rainbow coalition" with Fine Gael and other smaller parties.

EU leaders will agree a £300 million package of aid for Northern Ireland to be administered by the British and Irish governments alongside the European Commission when they meet for their winter summit next week.

EU foreign ministers agreed last night on the outlines of a proposal that will be formally agreed in the German city of Essen next week. The money will be matched by fresh funds from Britain. The money is likely to be spent on job creation.



Lord James speaking to the press after renouncing the title that his cousin Alasdair, right, also claims

A family with no shortage of titles

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Douglas-Hamiltons are the cream of the Scottish aristocracy, able to trace their roots back to Walter Fitz Gilbert of Humberston, a Norman who lived at the end of the 13th century.

The first duke, a descendant of Mary Queen of Scots, led an army into England on behalf of Charles I but was overpowered and beheaded at Whitehall in 1649, shortly before the King was executed. The dukedom then passed to

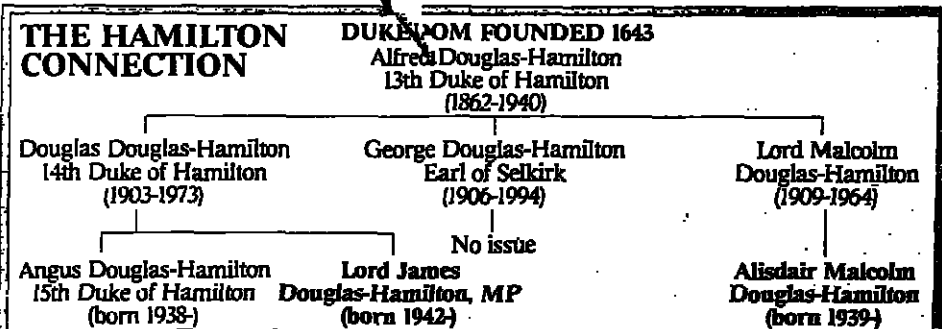
his daughter Anne, a woman of spirit, intellect and determination. She married William Douglas, Earl of Selkirk, thus joining two of Scotland's greatest families. The tenth Duke of Hamilton, "Il Magnifico", completed the enlargement of Hamilton Palace and filled it with works of art from around the world.

The palace was demolished because of mining subsidence and the family seat is now Lennoxlove near Haddington in East Lothian. The family motto is "Never Behind" and the duke holds 14

subsidiary titles. His heir is the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale.

The present Duke of Hamilton is the brother of Lord James Douglas-Hamilton. He lives at Lennoxlove but despite its scale has no live-in staff and is not overly concerned with keeping up appearances. The duke and his two younger brothers, Lord Patrick and Lord Hugh, have nine convictions for drink-driving between them.

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the vote on the European Finance Bill was difficult, leaving Lord James with little time to make his decision.

He was faced with the dilemma because he was unable to speak or vote in the Commons, having become a peer on his uncle's death. Formal documents had to be rushed to Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, yesterday to enable Lord James to vote at the end of last night's debate. He held his Commons seat legally because his title was a courtesy one.

Although he said that "very probably" he would have made the same decision even if the Government had faced the possibility of defeat, he added: "If we lost by one vote, I would be asked some very difficult questions."

Both the late earl's nephews are believed to have taken advice on their claim. Lord James, 52, MP for Edinburgh

West, is the second son of the earl's elder brother, the fourteenth Duke of Hamilton, Alasdair Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, 55, a lawyer in Edinburgh, is the eldest son of the earl's younger brother Malcolm, who died in 1964. The Lord Lyon could not comment publicly on who was the rightful successor because he might have to adjudicate on the matter.

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'Major has issued death sentence'

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the chief Tory Euro-rebels yesterday accused the Cabinet of issuing "a death warrant" on the Conservative Party. Christopher Gill, MP for Ludlow, who told the Commons last week that he would rather resign the party whip than vote for extra cash for Europe, yesterday claimed that the Government's policy on the EU budget and VAT on fuel was "electoral suicide".

Publishing a pamphlet with Teresa Gorman, a fellow Euro-sceptic, spelling out why EU funding should not rise, Mr Gill said the Conservatives were pursuing highly unpopular policies. "It is one thing for the Cabinet to decide among themselves to write a suicide note. It's quite another thing for them to decide to issue a death warrant on the Conservative Party. I believe in electoral terms what we are doing is disastrous for the party," Mr Gill said.

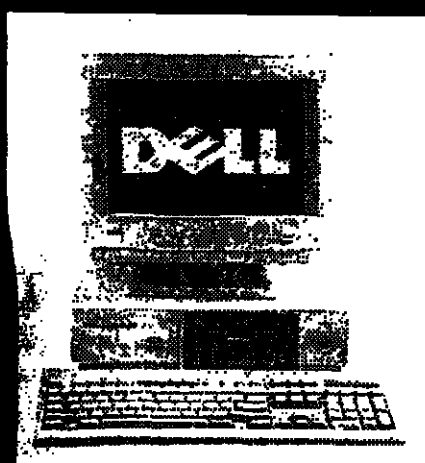
Mr Gill disclosed that he had had a private meeting with the Prime Minister last week but remained determined not to support the

Government, despite the risk of losing the whip. However, he denied suggestions that he would join a political party set up by Sir James Goldsmith with the aim of securing a referendum on the outcome of the intergovernmental conference on Europe in 1996.

Mrs Gorman, MP for Billericay, was equally adamant that she would not support the Government on extra cash for Brussels. The MPs' pamphlet, *Not a Penny More*, claims that Britain's £7 billion contribution to the EU could be better spent reducing income tax by about 3.5 pence, taking VAT off fuel or paying every pensioner an extra £7 a week.

Ministers are planning to head off a further rebellion next Tuesday on the second stage of VAT on fuel by calling in MPs to warn them about the consequences of a revolt. Social security and treasury ministers intend to give individual briefings to MPs who are threatening to oppose the rise from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent, from next April.

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Record 'makes fair trial impossible'

Uproar in court as judge frees child molester

By FRANCES GIBBS, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A CONVICTED child molester walked free from the Old Bailey yesterday after a judge ruled that his long prison record for abuse would stop him getting a fair trial.

The public gallery erupted in fury after the ruling which means that the 41-year-old, who faced 13 charges of rape and indecently assaulting his stepchildren, will not be tried.

The man was accused of rape, attempted rape, cruelty to children and indecent assault against his stepchildren 17 years ago, when they were aged 15, 11, and 5.

The man already had convictions for unlawful sexual intercourse and buggery with his stepchildren and had been jailed for those offences in 1981 and in 1984.

In yesterday's case the stepchildren abused in the previous offences would have been the witnesses. But after hearing defence submissions, Judge Richardson, QC, ruled that if the case went to trial, counsel for the man would be unable to cross-examine any of the victims without the defendant's convictions being mentioned, which, he said, would severely prejudice any jury.

The judge said: "It is with considerable regret that I have come to the conclusion that the defendant must be discharged."

The judge then asked if there was any reason why the defendant could not be discharged, a question which was met with a cry of "because he's

a filthy pervert" from the public gallery.

There followed cries of "Kill the pervert" and "Hang him". Outside the court one female witness, who is now 22, sobbed as she said: "Now he's back on the streets and he's going to do it all again."

The witness, Miss X, raped by the man when 8 and forced to have sex when 11 said: "He was released from his prison sentence the first time and went straight back to my family again with the full knowledge of the social services and carried on abusing me."

The man was sentenced in April 1981 to three years for unlawful sexual intercourse with one stepchild, Miss X, a girl under 13, and buggery of another stepson, Mr Y.

He was released from prison in November 1982 and returned to live with the children's mother and continue his abuse which was interrupted when in September 1984 he pleaded guilty to two offences of unlawful sexual intercourse and one of buggery on Miss X.

He was sentenced to four years in prison and was released in 1986, only to return again to live with Miss X and Mr Y's mother. He finally left the woman in July 1990 and went to live with another woman who herself had three small children, aged 6, 3 and 1.

The man was released from Brixton prison on Friday after the court heard submissions from his defence barrister

Andrew Evans, QC, pending yesterday's ruling. But the three children of the woman he now lives with have been taken into care so he will not be with them for the foreseeable future.

A police source, who has worked on the case since fresh accusations were made in March this year, said the decision had come as a surprise to Stoke Newington Child Protection Team, which had conducted the inquiry.

The officer said: "I was very disappointed, so how the children felt I cannot imagine. I was especially surprised that this came so late in the day. The trial was supposed to start on Wednesday and it was only then that the defence stated they would argue it should not proceed."

"The children — the victims — turned up on Wednesday expecting to give evidence and hopefully to gain a conviction against him. I have spent this afternoon trying to explain to them why this has happened, but it is impossible."

The Crown Prosecution Service said last night it was not unique for a judge to discharge defendants because they would not get a fair trial.

"The judge made his decision on the evidence in front of him. Obviously his view was that the evidence that was put forward would not be admissible or the witnesses could not give their evidence without prejudicing the jury and he has made his decision on that basis."

Falklands veteran cleared of hitting parachute Major

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

AN Army major — with a reputation for bravery in battle — has been cleared by a court martial of assaulting a fellow officer who was said to hate him for his professional success.

Amid allegations that the prosecution had exploited a loophole in military law to bring the case, Major Peter Kennedy, who had seen active service in the Falklands, at the battle of Goose Green, was cleared of repeatedly punching his superior, Major Graham Carruthers.

The officers had to be pulled apart by colleagues on the last night of a six-day exercise in Kenya, the court at Aldershot, Hampshire, was told. Major Kennedy had led his company into the attack on an enemy position and then allegedly objected to Major Carruthers's criticisms.

Yesterday Major Kennedy was found not guilty of assault and causing actual bodily harm after Colonel Tim Wright, the prosecutor, offered no further evidence against him. The prosecution admitted that Major Kennedy had not been given a fair trial as it had not been disclosed that Major Carruthers had been given immunity from prosecution under an obscure military law — condonation — by his commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Worsley Tonks. This meant Major Carruthers was "bullet proof and could shift all the

blame to Major Kennedy," Mr Mason said.

According to Army regulations, condonation should be limited to exceptional circumstances, generally relating to matters of military efficiency.

Major Kennedy was relieved of his duties with 3 Para after the alleged offences took place in March. An Army spokesman said: "A decision will have to be made as to whether Major Kennedy will rejoin his unit or be given another posting." His barrister said the decision was "a victory for justice".

The Army said a decision would be taken soon on Major Carruthers's future.



Kennedy: reputation for bravery in battle

Bomber caught at bus stop, court told

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN IRA bomber was caught red-handed at a bus stop with a bomb in a holdall after a surveillance operation by M15 and police, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

The bomb, which was about to be planted in central London, had been made at a flat in Scotland, according to Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution. It was the first of seven devices that were to have been planted in July last year.

Robert Fryers, 44, from Belfast, and Hugh Jack, 37, from New Sauchie, Alloa, deny conspiring with others to cause explosions between January 1 and July 15 last year.

Mr Sweeney told the jury the defendants were based at Mr Jack's two-bedroom council flat in New Sauchie. He said that on July 8, shadowed by security operatives, Mr Fryers collected a Ford Escort containing bomb-making equipment from the M1 Scratchwood services.

The two men then made their first bomb with Semtex attached to a milk bottle filled with petrol, Mr Sweeney said. Watched by the security services, Mr Fryers drove the Escort back to Cricklewood, northwest London, on July 13 and went to catch a bus to the city centre. He was arrested by armed police.

Mr Jack was arrested after allegedly burying the rest of the bomb-making equipment in a wood. The trial continues.

Son of vicar condemns bishop's 'backwater' ideas

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE son of the twice-divorced Anglican clergyman sacked for wanting to marry a third time has condemned the "folly" of the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter Nott, whom he accuses of living in a backwater.

In a letter to *The Times* today, John Chalcraft, 23, a postgraduate student at Oxford University, urges the Church to revise its ideas on marriage. "The Church must face the world or collapse," he says.

Mr Chalcraft, one of four children of the Rev Kit Chalcraft from his first marriage, said reports that his mother had left the vicar with a family to raise

singlehandedly did not present a fair picture. "We're all behind dad, including my mother," he said.

The latest twist in the affair, which brings yet more pressure to bear on the Bishop of Norwich to change his mind, comes as the Church of England's General Synod prepares to debate a private member's motion calling for the Church to permit the remarriage of divorcees.

Mr Chalcraft senior, aged 56, is to have his licence withdrawn in February because he wishes to marry Susanne Hall, 58, a widow. Most of his congregation in his ten parishes

around Swaffham, Norfolk, support him and some have opened a petition for his reinstatement.

The bishop intervened after a parishioner, Carole Knights, complained that Mr Chalcraft was living with Mrs Hall despite assurances that he would live alone at the rectory. He said Mr Chalcraft could no longer bear witness to Christian standards of marriage.

On Friday the synod's 560 members will debate a motion by Dr Paul Needle, a university lecturer, calling for divorcees to be allowed to remarry in church.

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Fred Baker at the Dorchester yesterday with the friends he persuaded to join a lottery syndicate. Each has won more than £220,000

Winning lottery syndicate takes to the high life

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

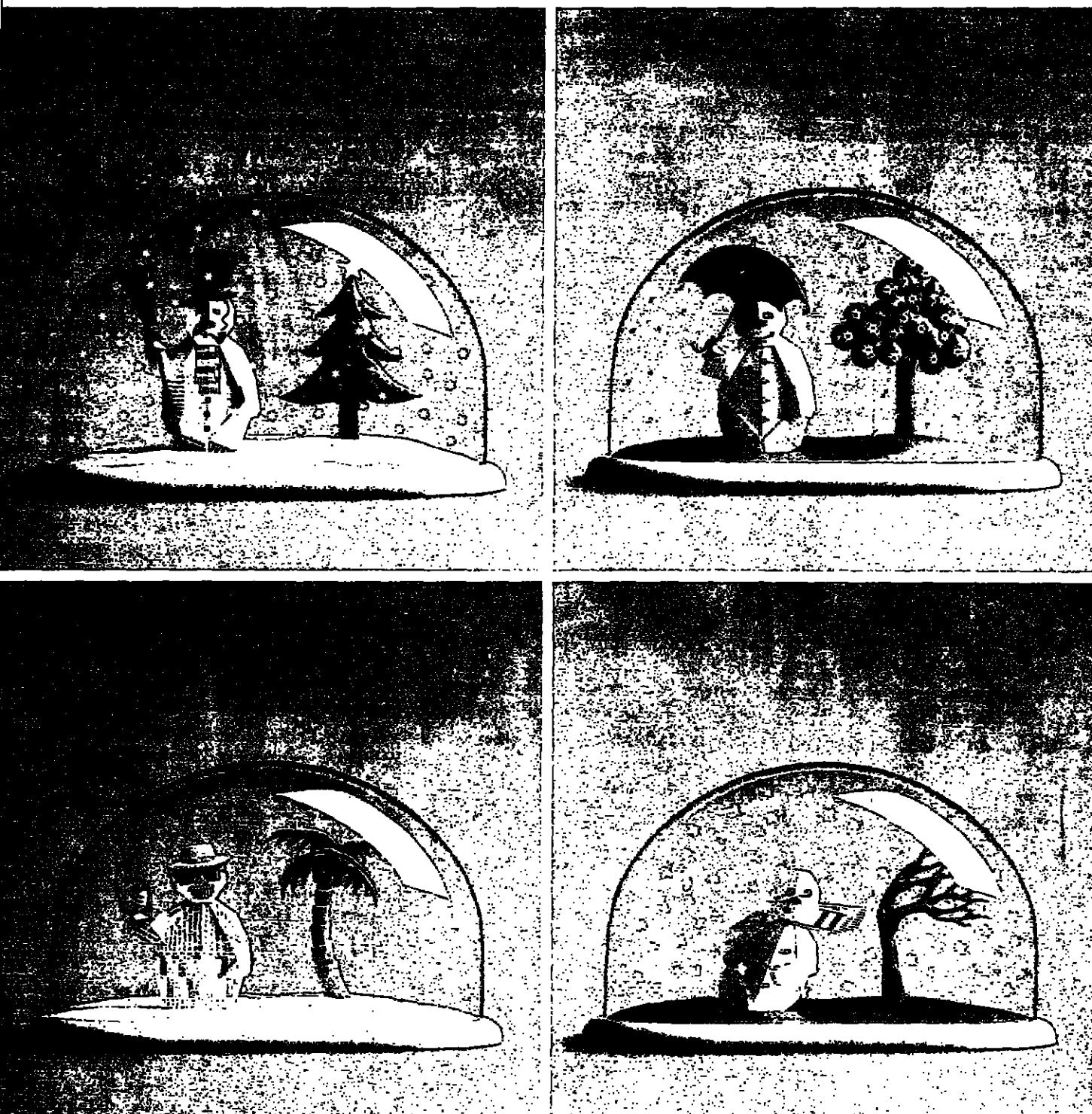
THE eight pensioners who together won a £1.7 million jackpot on the National Lottery will spend the money on cruises, shopping, parties — and gifts for their relatives. Fred Baker, 64, a former trumpeter with the Royal Lifeguards Band, was

yesterday accompanied by the seven other winners, all women, when he went to collect a cheque for £1,760,966 at The Dorchester in Park Lane. Most of the pensioners live in one-bedroom sheltered flats at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire. Being such good friends, they have no intention of moving. All are

single or widowed. Lena Moseley, 75, chose the winning numbers based on family birthdays and used her late husband's lucky number four to get 44. The other winners were Lily Bartlett, Gladys Thomas, Tessa Derreck, Jessica Hindmoor, Olwyn Storey and Vera Litchfield. The pensioners were chauffeur-driven to

London and shown the Christmas lights before a lunch at the Dorchester of smoked salmon, roast beef, and sorbet, with fine wines. Maureen White, warden of the sheltered accommodation, came along too. Rather than spending an evening at the hotel, they went home to watch themselves on television.

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Judges order Home Secretary to reveal evidence

By RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard was ordered yesterday to disclose all expert advice he receives before deciding whether to refer alleged miscarriages of justice to the Court of Appeal.

The High Court ruling is a further legal setback for the Home Secretary. It opens the way for at least 200 offenders to receive information on why their cases have not been sent for appeal.

Two judges strongly criticised Kenneth Clarke, Mr Howard's predecessor, for the "plainly unsatisfactory" way in which he dealt with new expert evidence in the case of three men in jail for the murder of Carl Bridgewater, the paperboy aged 13 shot at Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, West Midlands, in 1978.

Lord Justice Simon Brown, sitting with Mr Justice Buckley, said the existing system for dealing with 700 allegations of miscarriages of justice



Teresa Robinson, left, wife of Jim Robinson; Kim Hickey and Anne Skett, sister and mother of Vincent Hickey; and Anne Whelan, mother of Michael Hickey, hail the judgment



a year was "significantly too closed". Under the present rules convicted people applying for their cases to be referred to the Court of Appeal were barred from seeing material taken into account by the Home Secretary in making his decision, particularly the result of further police inquiries.

The judgment said: "I have no doubt that fairness requires not merely prior disclosure but a substantial increase in

the level of disclosure made." There should in future be sufficient disclosure of new evidence because "only the highest standards of fairness will suffice".

The 43-page judgment rejected Mr Howard's argument that the system was fair and that more disclosure would make the process unmanageable and subject to delay. Lord Justice Simon Brown said that view was unreal and added: "I

have no doubt that fairness requires not merely prior disclosure but a substantial increase in the level of disclosures made."

Michael Hickey, 32, Vincent Hickey, 40, and Jim Robinson, 60, have fought for a fresh appeal hearing since they were convicted in February 1979 of murdering Carl Bridgewater. The confession of Patrick Molloy, who was convicted of manslaughter,

was crucial to the convictions. He died in 1981, claiming that he was forced to make it.

In the case of Jeremy Bamber, 32, Lord Justice Simon Brown said he too had been unfairly denied access to a crucial report. Bamber was convicted in 1966 of the murders of his parents, his stepfather and her six-year-old twins, who were all shot at the family farm in Essex. He was sentenced to life and refused

leave to appeal in March 1989. He is seeking access to evidence relating to blood traces found on the rifle silencer which he claims might suggest that Sheila Caffell, his sister-in-law, shot the family and then herself.

Lord Justice Simon Brown said that the Home Secretary, "should in fairness have made advance disclosure" of a report by the head of the forensic science service. The right

course was to grant Bamber leave to seek judicial review of the decision not to refer the case to the Appeal Court.

In the case of Paul Malone, convicted and sentenced in 1986 to 15 years in jail for four armed robberies, the judges said he was entitled to advance disclosure of experts' reports that have been denied him. Malone, a Liverpool bricklayer currently in Sudbury jail, Suffolk, had alibis

for all four robberies. Tests of documents suggest police notes containing admissions may have been tampered with and other tests suggest clothes allegedly recovered from his home that matched the description of those worn by the robber did not fit him.

The judge said he believed any judge would "unhesitatingly" have granted leave for the case of Sammy Davis to be sent back to the Court of Appeal. Davis, aged 42, was deported after being jailed for the 1987 rape of a Swedish student in a minicab office in Manor Park, north London. His wife and three children live in this country.

At his trial, the crucial question was whether the victim had correctly identified the minicab premises where Davis was the only black driver. The fresh evidence challenged the woman's identification of the premises.

Mr Malone, who was in court, said: "I am delighted. I hope the police get charged with perverting the course of justice and lying under oath."

Nick Robinson, son of Jim Robinson, said: "The inquiry should be public. We should not have to go to court to get all the evidence we need — we should be handed it."

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DPP blames law on disclosure for guilty going free

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Director of Public Prosecutions called for new legislation last night to end miscarriages of justice caused by the acquittal of the guilty.

Barbara Mills, QC, said curbs were needed to limit the amount of evidence that the prosecution must disclose to the defence. "No one disputes the necessity of disclosure of relevant material to safeguard defendants' rights to a fair trial," she said, giving the Tom Sargant Memorial Lecture to Justice, the law reform group.

"But the duty of disclosure must be defined so that it is clear, certain and capable of being fulfilled."

Mrs Mills said miscarriages of justice were caused by the guilty being acquitted as much as by the conviction of the innocent. At present, there was a danger of the guilty going free because of the weight of paperwork that the prosecution had to release.

"It is essential that decisions to order disclosure, whether of identities, sensitive material or of an enormous bulk of material should be properly determined. If the balance is wrong, meritorious prosecutions collapse under the weight of paperwork or requests for material which may be of no real value to the defence. In extreme cases, important trials may have to be abandoned to protect an informant or a witness."

Mrs Mills, who was highlighting a concern among police forces, said that she was certain of the necessity for such legislation and hoped it could be brought forward in the not too distant future.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice last year recommended legislation to define the rights of prosecution

and defence on disclosure of evidence. Last week Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said a hundred serious cases had been dropped this year to avoid disclosing confidential information or surveillance techniques. Chief constables are united in seeking legislation and have put their case to the Home Office and the Attorney-General.

Mrs Mills went on to say that at present, in most cases, there was no obligation on the defence to identify the issues in dispute at the trial. "Without this, it is difficult for the prosecution to make full but material and relevant disclosure."

She welcomed the proposals for a new body to investigate miscarriages of justice and to "seeing details of the Bill which will implement this revolutionary suggestion by the royal commission". The Crown Prosecution Service recognised the potential benefits to everyone of such a body and the service would do all it could to help in its creation.



Mills: cases collapsing because of paperwork

Police to be asked if they want to carry guns

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

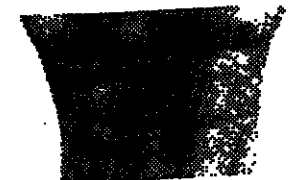
POLICE officers are to be asked their views on carrying firearms and whether the bobby on the beat has a future.

The Police Federation is to spend £70,000 asking 126,000 officers whether they want to carry arms routinely or to continue having guns issued only to specialist units. They will also be asked whether they would prefer two-tier policing using special constables or security guards as well as regular officers.

Fred Broughton, chairman of the federation, said: "We believe the quality of service is in danger and we need to find out exactly what the ordinary officers think about policing standards."

A survey among constables earlier this year found that nearly half were in favour of more widespread issue of guns. The results of the ballot, to be carried out in the new year, will form the basis of the federation's annual conference next spring, which the Home Secretary is likely to attend.

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Scientists assemble computerised body atlas from Death Row donor

Executed killer reborn as 'Visible Man' on Internet

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE corpse of a killer executed last year in Texas has been used to create the most detailed atlas of the human body.

The atlas, assembled from the remains of Joseph Jernigan, 39, was yesterday made available electronically to researchers and medical schools around the world via the Internet. The computerised cadaver consists of data from thousands of X-rays, magnetic resonance images, and photographs of cross-sections of Jernigan's body, which he donated to science.

The "Visible Man", as the electronic atlas is called, was unveiled by the US National Library of Medicine at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago.

Dr Donald Lindberg, director of the library, said: "This is the first time such detailed information about an entire human body has been compiled." The digitised information

will be available free to anybody who gets permission from the library — but don't rush for your computers. The information is so extensive that it would take two weeks of uninterrupted time on the Internet to transfer it all, and 50 gigabytes of storage capacity, about 50 times as much as is needed to store the entire *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Its users are expected to be mainly medical schools and research workers, according to Michael Ackerman, a computer specialist with the library.

Jernigan, a former mechanic who killed a 75-year-old man in a burglary, was executed by lethal injection on August 5, 1993. The body was immediately flown to Colorado and underwent hours of X-ray and magnetic resonance scanning.

Next, Jernigan's body was sawn into four pieces and each frozen in gelatin. One by one the pieces were attached to a special table and water-thin

slices of tissue removed by a planing tool called a cryomicrotome. Each slice was one millimetre thick, and a total of 1,870 were taken, from head to toe. Each newly exposed layer of the body was photographed and scanned into a computer by a camera that reduced the images to digital data.

Professor Conwell Anderson, from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, said the project "looks terrific". It would probably be most useful to surgeons and radiologists looking for new solutions to old problems, he said.

The information could also be used in surgery simulators, designed to train surgeons in the same way that flight simulators train pilots, Dr Ackerman said. However, students consulting it might be overwhelmed by more information than they could assimilate.

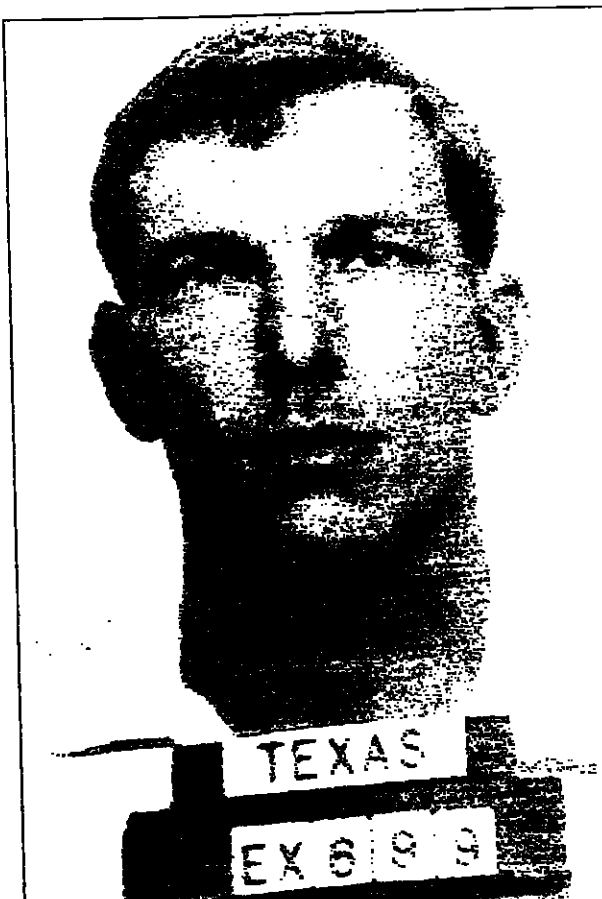
Commercial ventures also

hope to capitalise on the "Visible Man." Dr Ackerman said: one idea is "Fantastic Voyage: The Game," based on the Isaac Asimov book that was later made into a film, in which a group of scientists is miniaturised and injected into the bloodstream of a dying man.

The library is spending \$1.4 million to develop the Visible Man and a consort, Visible Woman, who will not be ready for another year.

Jernigan, from Waco, Texas, stabbed and shot Edward Hale, who found him robbing his house in Dawson, 65 miles south of Dallas, in 1981.

Jernigan and an accomplice, Roy Lamb, ran from the house, but then Jernigan went back and killed Hale to prevent him from identifying the burglars. Jernigan was sentenced to death, but appeals delayed execution until last year. Lamb was sentenced to 30 years in prison and paroled in 1991.



Joseph Jernigan, the killer whose corpse was cut into 1,870 slices and photographed for the atlas

School blames anorexia for poor attendance

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE head of an Oxford comprehensive school yesterday blamed anorexia among teenage girls for the worst attendance record in the county. Government league tables published last week showed that authorised absence at Milham Ford Girls' School averaged more than half a day a week for each pupil.

Liz Higgins, headmistress, said that obsessive slimming was largely responsible. More than 400 at the school are suffering from anorexia or other eating disorders. Some have had spells in hospital recovering from the illness.

Miss Higgins said there were sufferers in every age group from 13 to 18. "My feeling is that it's starting even younger than that, at 10 and 11, so when they get to us they're already started," she said.

Milham Ford and the independent Oxford High School are taking part in a pilot study in the city on the cause of eating disorders. Lyndell Costain, senior dietician on

the project, blamed glamorous pictures of super-thin models in fashion magazines for creating a "thin is beautiful" image. Girls at the two schools are being weighed regularly for the research and questioned about their lifestyles.

Some schools already weigh pupils as a matter of course to detect early signs of anorexia. Malvern Girls' College was among the first to introduce such a programme after experiencing a number of eating disorders. Girls are now weighed at the beginning of every term.

The number of anorexics is thought to have increased tenfold in the past decade, although there are few accurate statistics. Sufferers as young as six have been reported recently and experts at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London have called for educational programmes to target children of nine or ten.

Although girls are the most common victims of anorexia, 10 per cent of younger sufferers are boys.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer East		East-West game	
AK1032	AK43	AK1032	AK43
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1084	1084	1084	1084
88	88	88	88
KQ97	KQ97	KQ97	KQ97
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KJ6	KJ6	KJ6	KJ6
W	N	E	S
Pass	2♠	Pass	1NT (1)
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♥
Opening lead: ♥J			

(1) 15-17 points

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes it is good play for the declarer to leave a small trump outstanding. When the defender ruffs in the tr, she may have to make a helpful play. But the defender can sometimes counter by choosing the optimum moment to play the trump.

West was American world champion, Karen McCallum, who has played in the Macallan Pairs with Sally Brock, one of our British world champions. McCallum led the jack of hearts against South's game. Declarer won the king, and cashed the queen of hearts. It would probably have been better to play diamonds at this point but South played the ace, king of spades and ruffed a spade. Leaving the ten of hearts at large set a trap for West — if she

overruffs, declarer is home as she can establish the spades, in effect making four tricks in spades, four of dummy's hearts and two diamond tricks.

However West worked out that overruffing was wrong. She played well by discarding a club. Declarer now played the king of diamonds — again West passed the test and ducked. West won the diamond continuation and played her third trump, putting the lead in dummy and removing the declarer's last trump.

Now the declarer had to go down whatever she did — if she played a spade, East would win and push through a club. In practice, declarer played a club herself. West won and exited with a diamond, and with the spades not established, the defence made two more tricks to beat the game.

KEENE on CHESS

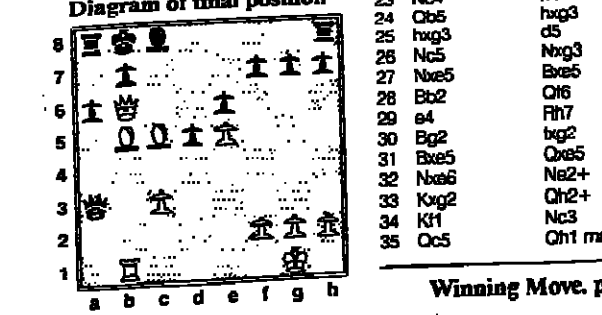
By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

National league

After four rounds of the Four Nations chess league the lead is held by Midland Monarchs. In round three the British Chess Magazine, a team packed with grandmasters and masters, suffered a sensational loss at the hands of the team from Witney by the score of 3.5-4.5. In the course of this debacle grandmaster Jana Bellin was overrun by an opponent graded 55 points below her in a mere 19 moves.

White: Cobb
Black: Bellin
Four Nations League, 1994

French Defence	
1 e4	c5
2 c3	e6
3 d4	c6
4 e5	Nc6
5 Nf3	Nb6
6 Be2	Nh6
7 Bb1	Qb6
8 Bb3	Qc6
9 O-O	Qc4
10 Nd4	Bc3
11 Bb5+	Kb8
12 Bb5+	Kb8
13 O-O	Qc2
14 Qd4	a6



15 Nc3 Kc7

16 Rb1 Qc2

17 Qd5+ Kb8

18 Qb6 Qc3

19 Bc5 Black resigns

In the next round, however, the BCM team extracted a terrible revenge by defeating Northwest Eagles by the score of 7-1.

Here is a game from another key match.

White: Webster

Black: Pritchett

Four Nations League, 1994

English Opening	
1 c4	e5
2 g3	Nc6
3 Bg2	Bg7
4 Nc3	Bf5
5 Bb1	h6
6 d3	Nf6
7 b4	O-O
8 Nf3	Qc7
9 O-O	Nb7
10 Qc3	Kf8
11 c5	h5
12 cxd6	Qxd6
13 O-O	g5
14 Bg3	f4
15 Qb4	Nf5
16 Ne4	a5
17 Qb2	g4
18 Nf2	Ne6
19 Rf1	g6
20 e3	h4
21 Bf1	Rf7
22 d6	h5
23 Nc4	h4
24 Qd5	Ng3
25 Bg3	Qd5
26 Nc5	Nf3
27 Nxe5	Qf6
28 Bb2	Rf7
29 e4	Ng2
30 Bg2	Qe5
31 Bb5	Ng2
32 Nxe6	Ne2+
33 Kf2	Qc3
34 Kf1	Nc3
35 Qc5	Qh1 mate

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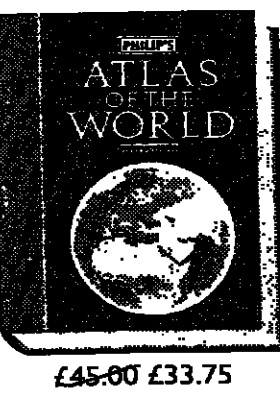
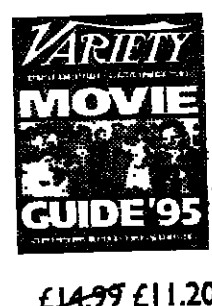
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Child agency offers DNA tests to men disputing paternity

VOLUNTARY DNA tests to settle disputes between single mothers and absent fathers who deny paternity will be offered by the Child Support Agency from the spring.

If the DNA test shows the man is not the father, his costs will be reimbursed by the CSA. But where a DNA test result is positive and the father continues to deny paternity, the CSA will consider taking the case to court.

The agency will also help mothers who are not receiving benefit to take court action in paternity cases, Alistair Burt, the social security minister, said. Many mothers with incomes just above the benefit level are dissuaded from taking legal action because of the high cost.

Sue Slipman, director of the National Council for One Parent Families, welcomed the scheme. "Our monitoring of the agency has revealed a number of lone parents who have been devastated by their ex-partners denying paternity of children they brought up for several years," she said. "We hope that the announcement will apply to all lone parents dealing with the CSA and that denying paternity will no longer be an option for those absent parents seeking to avoid their responsibility to pay maintenance for their children."

The council also welcomed

The Government is offering cheap tests to foil men who deny fathering children and financial help for the women who want to take them to court, Emma Wilkins reports

additional assistance for single mothers whose incomes are slightly above benefit level and can not take action.

There are 6,000 cases of disputed paternity being dealt with by the CSA, and they are threatening to slow the processing of claims from single mothers. "DNA tests will mean that the matter can be resolved more speedily and less expensively than by lengthy court proceedings," Mr Burt said.

"This demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that parents should not seek to avoid their responsibilities to their children, and will get across the message that denying paternity as a ploy to avoid maintenance will not work."

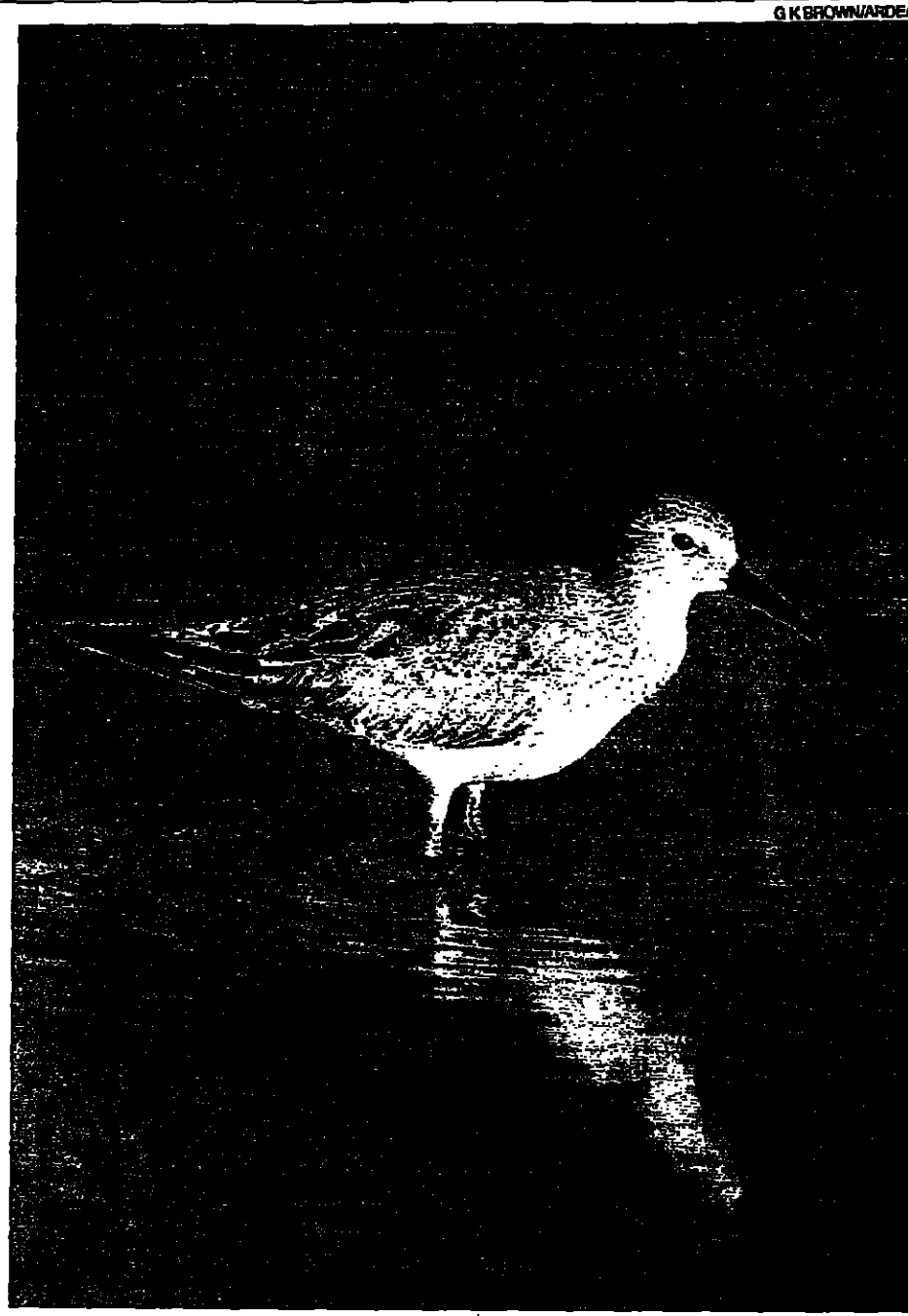
The CSA has been surprised to find cases of men with long marriages and teenage children who are attempting to deny paternity and avoid payments, Mr Burt added.

Under the new system, absent fathers will be told that subsidised DNA tests are available and will be invited to take and pay for them. The tests will be conducted independently by medical special-

ists. The absent father and the agency will then be told of the result.

Ministers have been examining ways to improve the performance of the CSA since it was set up in April last year. According to the most recent figures, only 37 per cent of cases dealt with by the CSA were cleared within 40 days. Almost 350,000 cases that were outstanding at the end of August had been on the CSA's books for more than six months.

Liz Lynne, the Liberal Democrats' spokeswoman on social security, said that while DNA testing might be useful in some cases, it was just "another cosmetic exercise. What is needed is the sort of wholesale reform that we have been long suggesting, that would change the Child Support Agency fundamentally and make it more likely that fathers would come forward in the first place and not try to avoid responsibility. Instead of fiddling on the periphery, the Child Support Act must be changed so that it actually benefits the children of absent parents."



The sighting of the grey-tailed tattler in Scotland is only the second in Europe

Twitchers keep lone tattler company

BIRD watchers are making for the Moray Firth in their hundreds after only the second sighting in Europe of a grey-tailed tattler, a species normally found in South East Asia and Australia at this time of year (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The 10in wader, which has yellow legs and a distinctive call, usually breeds south after breeding in Alaska or Siberia. The previous sighting was in Wales in late October and early November 1981.

Chris Harbard of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said the tattler, which was spotted at Burghhead, Grampian, was in no immediate danger. "It may be a bit lonely but it should be able to survive on sand worms and molluscs. It might not find exactly the food it's used to, but there will be plenty for it to eat. The previous tattler was around for a number of weeks."

Mr Harbard said the bird would either move on or team up with other waders.

Such is the rarity of the bird that the RSPB believes as many as 1,000 birdwatchers could visit the Moray Firth this week if the tattler stays in the area. The news went out on Birdline, the telephone message which tells of unusual sightings, and Mr Harbard said: "The motorways north are already full of cars with binoculars."



Kerr: set up rival paper after leaving her job

Editor who walked out loses claim

THE former editor of the *Oban Times*, who said she was forced to leave because of editorial interference from management, has lost her claim for constructive dismissal (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Moira Kerr, who has since launched a rival paper, walked out of the *Oban Times*, claiming press freedom was at stake. She has been told by a Glasgow industrial tribunal that her claim has failed.

The article which led Miss Kerr to leave was over two women from the island of Coll complaining they had not received a £25 refund for an air fare from the local tourist board. Mrs Kerr claimed she was told that senior managers must see the story first as the company had a deal with the tourist board. Mrs Kerr ran the story but later resigned.

Her employers denied Mrs Kerr had been told she must not publish the story.

Waldegrave warns farmers they face jail for black market milk sales

By MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT



Waldegrave expressed no sympathy for wrongdoers

DAIRY farmers were told yesterday that they faced severe penalties if they were caught selling milk on the black market to escape European Union levies on over-production. Investigations are under way into reports that farmers are seeking illegal outlets for their milk because their output is running ahead of the amount they are allowed to sell.

William Waldegrave, the Minister of Agriculture, said: "It would be wrong and foolish to do this because the penalties if they are caught are extreme." Speaking during a visit to the Royal

Smithfield Show at Earls Court, London, Mr Waldegrave said he would have no sympathy for wrongdoers at a time when the Government was stepping up its campaign against farm fraud.

The Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, the agency that polices farm production controls, said yesterday that it was aware of allegations of sales of milk on the black market and was investigating. The board declined to say how many farmers were under suspicion; those found guilty face unlimited fines or two years in jail.

Reports of black marketeering centre on Cheshire, Lancashire, Cumbria, Staffordshire and Yorkshire. Dealers in unmarked lorries

are said to be visiting farms and buying surplus milk for around 13p a litre — barely half the normal price — and selling it direct to doorstep roundsmen and shops at cheap rates. Rodney Bacon, policy director for the National Farmers Union in the North West, said: "We have heard of a curtain-sided vehicle going round Cheshire at night picking up milk."

An unusually large number of farmers are this year producing more milk than permitted under strict EU quota limits — which restrict British production to 85 per cent of national consumption — thanks to the warm weather, which has prolonged grass growth and the stimulation of the 10 per cent

higher prices being paid for milk since the deregulation of the milk market on November 1.

As a result, the national quota limit is likely to be breached, in which case all over-producing farmers will face fines of 25p for every litre above quota. Farmers can lease extra quota from others who do not need it, but the current demand is such that the price for leasing quota has soared to 20p a litre, three times the level earlier in the year.

Richard Smith, who keeps 130 cows near Skipton, North Yorkshire, said: "Thankfully, I am within my quota. But many farmers are facing a choice between selling on the black market or

leasing quota at a price that could bankrupt them. Not surprisingly, some are taking a chance on not getting caught."

Neil Davidson, director of Northern Foods, the country's biggest dairy company, said: "We are going to look as bad as the Italians if we cannot police our quota system. It demonstrates what we said all along: you cannot have a genuine free market when production is artificially restricted in this way."

Mr Waldegrave yesterday dismissed as irresponsible a book by a leading biologist claiming human life is at risk from "mad cow" disease, -bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). In the book,

Mad Cow Disease, the History of BSE in Britain, Richard Lacey of Leeds University asserts that Government scientists have failed to eliminate the danger posed by the disease to human beings and have misunderstood the cause of the epidemic in animals.

Mr Waldegrave, speaking at the Smithfield show, said: "Sometimes you do get an outstanding figure who takes a minority view and is proved right. There are also people who do not pay attention to the evidence. I do not think that Professor Lacey is in the category of the brilliant outsider. I am willing to bet that in ten years scientists will be proved right and Professor Lacey wrong."

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Applications invited for millennium cash

Dorrell launches festival to rival Great Exhibition

By ALEXANDRA FREAN
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THE year 2000 is to be celebrated in Britain with an official Millennium Festival funded from the National Lottery, Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, said yesterday.

Emulating the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Festival of Britain in 1951, the year-long festival will centre on an exhibition. Mr Dorrell, chairman of the Millennium Commission, which will administer one fifth of the lottery proceeds available for good causes, said: "The festival will be part of a coherent programme that the next generation will look back on and say, 'Yes, that was a fitting way to mark the millennium with Lottery funds'."

He added that the commission would also create millennium bursaries to allow individuals to study, travel or embark on projects that would help to shape Britain in the third millennium. At the launch of guidelines for applicants for lottery funding of



Dorrell: "fitting way to mark millennium"

linking the Albert Hall with Hyde Park and the national museums in South Kensington, the building of a new opera house in Cardiff Bay, and the clearing of a continuous waterway between the Forth and the Clyde using existing canals and new locks.

The commission will open its first round of applications for funding between January 4 and April 30, 1995. A shortlist of successful projects will be announced at the end of July and the first funds should be sent out by September 1995.

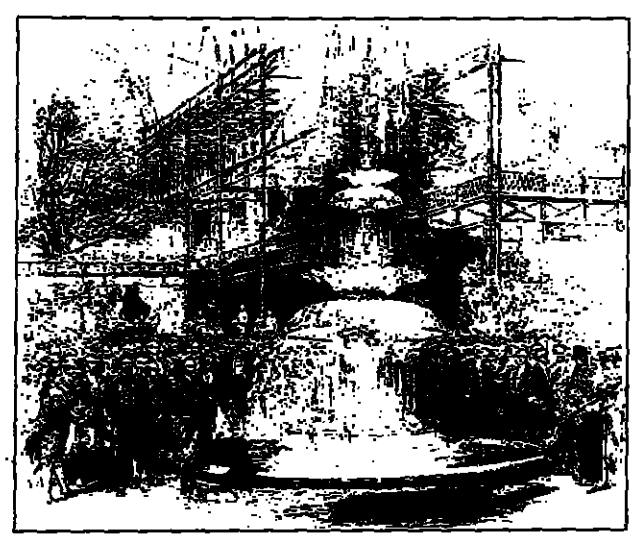
The commission will make contributions of £100,000 to £50 million to millennium projects, although applications below the £100,000 threshold will be encouraged to join forces to submit collective bids. Applicants will have to raise at least half the cost of their projects from outside partners, in cash or contributions in kind.

About half of the commission's funds, which could reach £1.6 billion by the year 2001, will go on large-scale projects of national impact, with the remainder going towards local schemes and the millennium bursary fund.

The commission, which is still looking for a chief executive having sacked the man originally chosen for the job last month, is distributing 100,000 leaflets to every library explaining how to apply for funding.

Mr Dorrell said that although many people felt that the third millennium did not start until January 1, 2001, Britain's celebrations would run from the end of 1999.

Chris Smith, shadow Heritage Secretary, said: "Any grand festival must not be purely transitory, something that comes and goes and leaves nothing behind. The Millennium Fund is an opportunity to change the face of our country for good."



Inside the crystal palace of the Great Exhibition of 1851, which celebrated the Victorian age



Amanda Horry: she turned down the chance to be a cover girl because it interfered with her wedding plans

Model shot by jilted fiancé waits to learn if she needs plastic surgery

A PART-TIME model was yesterday waiting to learn if she would need plastic surgery after being shot in the jaw by her jilted fiancé, who then killed himself (Dominic Kennedy writes).

The shooting, which happened on the day Amanda Horry, an office worker, had been due to marry Paul Common, 26, has increased pressure for stricter laws on gun ownership.

Miss Horry, 23, had moved out of the flat she shared with Mr Common and cancelled

the wedding plans three weeks ago. She told friends that her fiancé took the news well at first but then left in tears. The ceremony had been booked for six months. A neighbour said the couple's noisy arguments sometimes lasted well into the night.

Miss Horry agreed to meet Mr Common on Saturday on a footpath a few miles from the St Mary Magdalen church in Milford, Northumberland, where she would have been walking down the aisle that day.

The couple talked in a hut beside the path until she realised he had a gun. As she ran away, he shot her twice with a sawn-off shotgun. She was hit in the lower jaw and

left arm. As she fled she heard a shot as Mr Common turned the gun on himself.

Within minutes, she was knocking on the door of Peter Heatherington. "She had blood all over her face and she was obviously in a state of shock," he said. "She told me that she had been shot. She said there was a man further up the road. I got very little more out of her after that."

Mr Common died three hours later from his injuries. He had no licence for the gun and police were trying to trace its previous owner.

The shooting has provoked Alan Milburn, Labour MP for Darlington, to renew his calls for stricter gun laws. He

unsuccessfully tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to restrict shotgun usage after a Northumberland schoolgirl was shot by her stepfather. "Too many firearms, particularly shotguns, are falling into the wrong hands," he said.

Miss Horry had refused the chance to become a cover girl because of her marriage plans, according to Maureen Murray, owner of AM model agency in Newcastle upon Tyne. The part-time model later announced that she had cancelled the marriage. "She seemed happy with the way things were going. It seemed to have been preying on her mind for some time that she might be making a mistake."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Decision date for accused soldiers

Three British soldiers accused of kidnapping and killing a Danish tour guide in Cyprus will be told on Friday by a judge in Larnaca whether their lawyers can proceed with attempts to have the charges dismissed without a trial.

Left: Pernelle of Oldbury; West Midlands; Justin Fowler of Falmouth, Cornwall; and Alan Ford from Birmingham, all with The Royal Green Jackets, say they will not get a fair trial after prison guards confiscated notes made by two of the men for their lawyers.

Mooneys delay

A last-minute delay over legal documents has meant Adrian and Bernadette Mooney will not leave Romania until today.

The Berkshire couple, who were found guilty of trying to smuggle a baby, had been expected to leave yesterday.

Driver killed

A woman motorist was killed by a lorry as she walked to an emergency telephone after a crash on the M40. The woman, who was in her 30s, was struck on the hard shoulder near Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Garden charges

Cambridge University Botanic Garden is planning to scrap free admission on Wednesdays. Since charges of £1 to £1.50 began this year for other weekdays between March and November, Wednesdays have become increasingly popular.

Jury guarded

An Old Bailey jury was put under police guard after one member was threatened during the trial of three men who deny trying to blackmail a Brighton, south London, restaurateur into handing over £20,000 to fund a rock concert.

Explosive start

The ancient ceremony of firing the "stiddy" is to take place on the village green at Lythe, North Yorkshire, to mark the birth of an heir to the Marquis of Normanby. It involves igniting a small amount of explosive in a container.

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Clarke: accused Tory Euro-rebels of "dishonour" and ridiculed Labour for "standing on their heads"

Extra £250m a fair price, Clarke tells his critics

By JONATHAN PRYNN AND ALICE THOMSON

KENNETH CLARKE turned on his backbench Euro-sceptic critics in the Commons yesterday, accusing them of pursuing "a totally dishonourable course" in seeking to wreck the deal over Britain's financial contributions to Brussels.

The Chancellor was opening the debate on the second reading of the European Communities (Finance) Bill, which gives approval to the deal agreed at the Edinburgh summit two years ago.

The deal, described by Mr Clarke as "a fair price to pay" for the benefits of membership of the European Union raises Britain's net contribution to the European budget by £75 million next year, rising in steps to a £250 million increase by 1999.

With John Major sitting beside him, he addressed a packed Commons at the start of what has been raised to a confidence debate by the Prime Minister's insistence

that any amendments to the Bill will stop its ratification. Mr Clarke said that if Parliament could not support a deal in which a Government had given "its solemn international commitment, then that Government has lost the confidence of the House and it must fall".

It was "plain and obvious common sense" that the Bill was a matter of confidence for the Government. The Tory Euro-rebels were pursuing "a totally dishonourable course in seeking to wreck a deal" that had been negotiated by the Government.

Mr Clarke insisted the Edinburgh agreement had been a very good settlement. "We use our membership of the EU to increase our influence in the world and give added clout to our worldwide foreign policy," he said.

The Euro-sceptics had whipped up the debate with "grotesque exaggeration and

ridiculous figures which as far as I am aware has not the slightest basis at all". However, he assured the House that it was an "odds-on certainty" that the Government would win the vote.

Earlier he ridiculed Labour for voting against a Bill that they "manifestly believed in" and said that it was the Opposition that had bought Parliament into disrepute by "standing on their heads" and letting themselves be dictated to by the leading Euro-rebel Bill Cash (Stafford). They might as well not be in the Commons at all, he said.

He reminded his Euro-sceptic colleagues that only Teresa Gorman, the MP for Billericay, had spoken out against the Edinburgh deal when it was first debated in the Commons. Others had either remained silent or welcomed it. He told the rebel Tory Bill Walker (Tayside North) it would be "normal procedure"

for an MP who supported the Government to support the settlement "upon which he's congratulated the Prime Minister". The deal took Britain "down the league table of contributors to the European Budget", to below Germany, France, Sweden, Austria and, if it joined, Norway.

He said the Government had given the highest priority to tackling fraud. He emphasised that because of Britain's actions the Council of Ministers had increased the penalties by £860 million against Italy and Spain for breaching milk quotas.

Both the British Government and the Commission have put forward further proposals for community-wide action and for stronger criminal penalties against those who are guilty of fraud against community funds."

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Brown: said most MPs were in favour of putting new measures in the Bill to tackle waste and fraud

Brown condemns Major's 'absurd' test of strength

By ALICE THOMSON AND JONATHAN PRYNN

GORDON BROWN rejected as absurd the Prime Minister's insistence that the Government's authority depended on the European Finance Bill being passed without change.

The best evidence of his authority would be to produce a better Bill, the shadow Chancellor told MPs in last night's debate.

Mr Brown was moving Labour's amendment to the Bill, which condemned the measure as "not acceptable" because it did not address fraud or excessive spending on the Common Agricultural Policy.

It was absurd that Mr Major had made "a test of strength" of getting the Bill through unchanged when there was a reasonable amendment giving the House more power to monitor abuses. "For I believe there is a majority in this House for new measures in this Bill that would tackle waste and fraud and the common agricultural policy," he said.

The Government's failure to answer Labour's questions and the extra payment itself raised questions about what the Government was actually doing about EU waste, fraud and the agricultural policy.

Mr Clarke intervened to protest: "Your amendment would wreck the second reading of this Bill, stop the Bill proceeding, stop us being able to endorse the Edinburgh deal and put us in breach of our treaty obligations to other members of the EU."

Mr Brown replied: "Of course the Government could bring the Bill back with the amendment that we have put forward. It is Mr Major who is responsible for making this issue more controversial than it need be."

He added: "But I tell him this: if he is seeking an unchanged Bill in this House, he does not understand the feelings of this country about waste and about fraud and about what's happening to the CAP."

However, Mr Clarke returned to the dispatch box to insist that the Labour amendment would prevent the Bill

receiving a second reading. It would not be possible for the government to bring the Bill back to the Commons in the same session of Parliament. He told Mr Brown: "You are voting to defeat a Bill whose objectives you support and don't even seem to realise that."

Mr Brown accused the Prime Minister of cowardice in refusing to speak in a debate of such importance. "I ask the House whether Lady Thatcher would have sent along Sir Geoffrey Howe to defend her. John Major is like the Grand Old Duke. He has marched his Cabinet up the hill and left them."

He told Mr Major: "Entirely true to form, you have turned up in person but you are no longer in charge. Once more you are an onlooker to the great debates that are taking place."

Mr Brown went on: "Such is the tyranny of the factions in the Conservative Party and the impotence of the leadership that the only European policy they can agree on is to stand apart from Europe."

"Such is the weakness at the top that the only posture left to this Government in European negotiations is to hover between semi-detachment and total isolation. Such is the depth of disunity that they cannot understand that true patriotism is about... winning influence and leading to secure the best deals for Britain."

"This Government cannot any longer speak with a united voice. They cannot any longer speak for Britain. Their divisions are irreconcilable. They are intellectually bankrupt. They are politically exhausted. They should go and go now."

The Chancellor had not only failed to read the Maastricht Bill but had also been unable to add up the figures properly. Noting that last week an extra £700 million had been added to Britain's EU budget contribution for the current year, Mr Brown challenged Mr Clarke: "Why were we not told earlier that the figure had been revised from £1.7 billion to £2.4 billion?"

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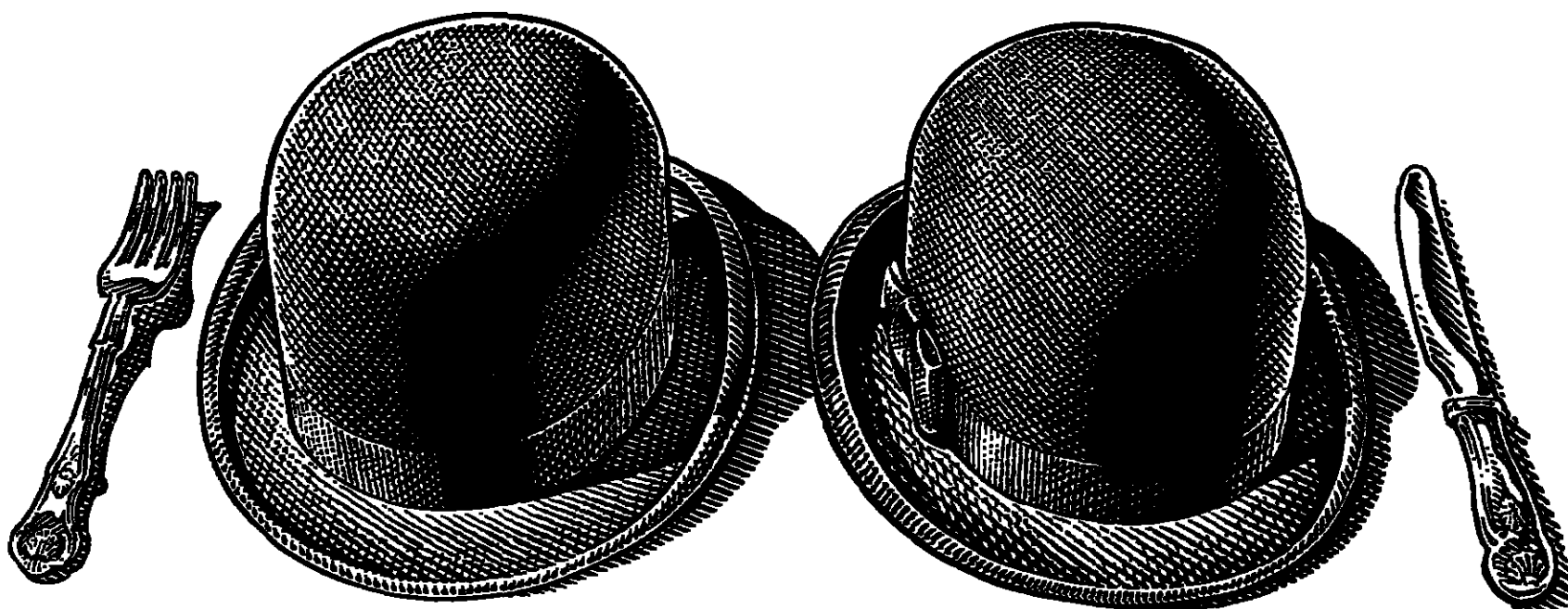
YESTERDAY: Welsh Office ministers, the Lord Chancellor's department and Michael Allison, the MP representing the Church Commissioners, answered questions. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, opened the debate on the second reading of the European Communities (Finance) Bill. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, moved a Labour amendment rejecting the measure. The debate was wound up for the Government by David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General. In the Lords, peers gave a second

reading to the Agricultural Tenancies Bill.

TODAY: after questions to the Employment Department and the Prime Minister, Kenneth Clarke will present the Budget. Tony Blair, Leader of the Opposition, will open five days of debate on the Budget statement.

In the Lords there will be a debate on the second reading of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill. There will also be a short debate on the impact of EC legislation on Britain's motor coach industry.

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Major is warned that he risks turning the Commons into a rubber stamp for Brussels

Lamont seizes the torch of Tory Euro-scepticism

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont took on the mantle of unofficial leader of the Tory Euro-sceptics last night by making his fiercest call for Britain's withdrawal from the European Union.

The former Chancellor of the Exchequer warned ministers to reconsider Britain's role in Europe. "Europe is an issue which risks splitting the Conservative Party," he said.

"The reason is that the party as a whole has not yet accepted that the ambitions of our partners are not compatible with Britain's continued ability to govern ourselves as an independent sovereign state."

"I believe this country needs to redefine its relationship with Europe on a permanent basis. For that reason, I have become persuaded that we in this country have to consider all options if we cannot negotiate a special relationship between Britain and our partners, including even withdrawal. We should not shrink from that logic but instead ask ourselves: what is the best way to preserve our interests and remove the source of tension in our relations with our European partners?"

Mr Lamont also denounced John Major's tactics in using a confidence vote to force Tory MPs to back the Government on increasing Britain's contribution to the European Union budget. He warned the Prime Minister that the tactic would make the House of Commons

appear powerless in changing crucial decisions taken by European Union leaders at the inter-governmental conference in 1996.

"The risk which stems from this Government's decision to make this vote one of confidence is that it may give the impression that the Government's overriding priority is simply that this House is to be a rubber stamp on whatever is agreed in some European town in 1996."

"A conscripted army never fights as well as an army of volunteers. The Conservative Party is an army of volunteers and should have the confidence to set out the issues and debate them before our future is thrown into the melting pot in 1996."

He levelled heavy criticism at the European Union, and warned Mr Major that he risked making the Commons appear to be no more than a rubber stamp for Brussels legislation. Mr Lamont, who agreed to the increase in Britain's EU contribution at the Edinburgh European Union summit in 1992, said that he broadly supported the Bill and did not intend to disrupt a key piece of government legislation.

However, he provoked laughter from Labour MPs, and stony stares from the Tory benches, by referring to the so-called "suicide pact" among Cabinet ministers who agreed

that the Government would fall if it lost the Commons vote.

"I am told that the issuing of suicide threats is a classic cry for help. It is in that spirit that I would like to help the Government. The kind thing in such circumstances is to keep the potential victim talking... There has been a lot of talking, perhaps rather too much."

Mr Lamont, who denied on Sunday that he would head a Tory party leadership challenge, made clear that he had serious misgivings about use of EU money. "Value for money is always going to be difficult to achieve in Europe because money is politics and money is power. Our money is being used to bribe the Greeks, the Spaniards, the Portuguese and the Irish all to believe in ever closer European union."

Sir Teddy Taylor, the Euro-sceptic Tory MP for Southend

East, was the first MP to announce that he would not vote with the Government. "I shall obviously be in great trouble," he said, but assured MPs that he had the backing of his local constituency.

He pleaded with fellow Tory backbenchers: "Look honestly colleagues. Are you not in danger of losing every battle on the EC? Please stop thinking you are winning the battle because interference is going up. How can you possibly support extra funding for the EC when spending is so tight at home?"

Sir Peter Hordern, Tory Loyalist and MP for Horsham, praised John Major for his negotiations over the Edinburgh summit and urged the rebels to think again. "How many members would seriously wish us to come out after 20 years. It is plainly in our commercial interests to remain members," he said.



Euro-rebel Teresa Gorman, who challenged Kenneth Clarke yesterday over Britain's contribution to the EU



Brown condemns Major's absurd test of strength



Lamont denounced confidence vote tactic



Hordern urged the rebels to think again

A leader bruised and bloodied but still not beaten

The Major Government seems condemned to stumble from one parliamentary crisis to another: never breaking free from internal party divisions. It is all deeply frustrating for the Prime Minister as he cannot demonstrate he is in command. The turning point that he hoped had been passed in the summer has turned out to be illusory. Last night's vote was an exercise in survival.

Yesterday's debate was similar to several confrontations over the past two and a half years. It was preceded by lots of noise, from ministers warning of the importance of the vote and from rebels parading their consciences and protesting about strong-arm tactics by the whips and Conservative Central Office. Michael Heseltine is usually trotted out, as he was on *Today* yesterday, to claim the whole fuss has been got up by a handful of MPs and by some in the media with their own agendas. He has a point. The views of ex-labour mavericks such as Teresa Gorman and Edward Leigh have received disproportionate attention and some papers have magnified the immediate threat to John Major.

But the crisis facing the Tory party is real, not imaginary. Anyone listening to, and watching, yesterday's debate can have been left in no doubt about the party's deep fissures. As Kenneth Clarke joked, Labour is largely irrelevant. As during the Maastricht saga, the Opposition parties are bystanders, seeking to exploit Tory divisions. The hostility between Mr Clarke, with a tense Mr Major beside him, and the main Euro-sceptics was palpable. The Chancellor's rumorous style can wound as much as it charms. His bruising exchanges with William Cash, Nicholas Budgen, John Wilkinson and Bill Walker would have been even more startling even if we had not become accustomed to such internecine rows since 1992.

No matter that the number of outright rebels was relatively small and predictable — because the vote on the European Budget had been turned into a confidence issue. Such

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episodes — and there is likely to be another next week over the second stage of the extension of VAT to domestic fuel — are debilitating in themselves.

There is ample psephological evidence that nothing is more damaging for any party than to be seen as divided. The impression of being split did enormous harm to Labour in the 1980s and is similarly undermining the Tories now. Headlines like those of the past ten days further postpone Tory hopes of a recovery in the polls.

Mr Major has sought to take a line on Europe acceptable to 90 per cent of his MPs. But this is a tactical contrivance that satisfies few. One loyalist ex-minister commented last week that he would feel happier if he knew what Mr Major really believed. As it is, he is stuck with the compromises, such as the current Budget Bill, that are inherent in belonging to any international body, even though they infuriate the Euro-sceptics, while negotiating opt-outs and making anti-Brussels remarks, which irritate the pro-Europeans. These issues cannot be fudged for ever. The Tory party has to decide about Britain's role in Europe. In that respect Norman Lamont was right in his Commons speech last night, even though his solution of a "special relationship" with the rest of the European Union would exacerbate tensions and his possible option of withdrawal would split the Tory party.

Mr Major has achieved a lot to keep the Tory party more or less together — with no Cabinet resignations — for as long as he has. He is having to cope with an intractable problem, the legacy in part of the rows of the late Thatcher years. Calls on him to exert his authority and exercise leadership are largely pointless when faced with such irreconcilable opponents. His fate is to be bruised and buffeted.

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Rebel leader's stronghold pours artillery fire down on Sarajevo loyalists

Muslims fight for Serbs in Bosnian war within a war

FROM TIM JUDAH IN VELIKA KLADUSA, BIHAC POCKET

VELIKA Kladusa is Bosnia's forgotten passion. As the United Nations Security Council and Nato wring their hands over the fate of Bihać, the pocket's second town has been torn in two.

Thirty-five miles north of Bihać, Velika Kladusa has no "safe area" status to merit international attention and the battle has plumbed new depths of cruelty and madness. Here a civil war rages within a civil war. Muslims fight for Serbs and at the gates of its medieval castle a flag reads: "Long Live Daddy".

Soldiers loyal to Fikret Abdić, the rebel Muslim leader, now control the outskirts of town and the 900-year-old castle from which they can fire on their brothers and cousins fighting for the pro-Sarajevo Bosnian army. Outgoing artillery fire rocks the castle's turrets, plumes of smoke curl into the sky and tracer fire streaks across the town centre. In the suburbs, tanks designed in 1942 and used to defend Stalingrad are ready to move. In the castle a man cradles his gun and looks down at his house barely 500 yards away. "In the morning I can see my mother when she comes out to fetch water," he says.

Mr Abdić, commonly known as "Babo" or "Daddy", made his name as one of old Yugoslavia's most famous tycoons. Agro Komerc, his food-processing firm, brought riches to Velika Kladusa and much of what is now known as the Bihać Pocket. He was jailed for corruption but would be President today, instead of Alija Izetbegović, had it not been for political manoeuvring within Bosnia's Muslim ruling party.

When the war began his fieldwork became an island surrounded by Bosnian Serbs



Abdić followers give him extraordinary loyalty

each long coop families have staked out tiny squares of floor space on which to live. There is no electricity or running water. Children scurry about in the smoky gloom of the sheds or play in the mud outside. Hundreds are living in their cars or in makeshift tents.

"If I had a son on the other side I would ask Allah to kill him," Hajra Mujakic, 60, says. "They came to our villages and shouted 'Allahu Akbar' ('God is greater') and 'chop off their heads!'"

The faith most of Mr

Abdić's followers retain in him is extraordinary. Some go into battle wearing badges with his picture on. One says: "If Daddy went to New Zealand, we'd all follow him there."

When the Bosnia army broke out of Bihać a month ago, seizing territory from the Bosnian Serbs, Mr Abdić's followers suddenly became useful. They were mobilised into a so-called "People's Defence Force", armed by the Krajina Serbs and sent into action. The Serb aim is to smash the Bihać authorities loyal to Sarajevo and replace them with a compliant Mr Abdić. It is a strategy that might backfire if the UN demilitarisation plan for Bihać town is accepted. Then the Bosnia army will probably move to retake what it has lost in the north.

On the road to Velika Kladusa, within Krajina, artillery pieces can be seen from the road and tanks rumble close to the Bosnian frontier. Mr Abdić denies that the Krajina Serbs have anything to do with the war in Bihać and rejects the charge of treachery. While no Serb soldiers could actually be seen fighting in Velika Kladusa yesterday, any contact with Mr Abdić or his followers is controlled by the Krajina police. "I am not against Bosnia," Mr Abdić said yesterday. "I am only against the government in Sarajevo. They chose the path of war and I have chosen peace."

In the part of Velika Kladusa held by Abdić loyalists an officer says he is not ashamed to fight with Serb help. "When we were refugees they came to our aid while the world did not. All I want to do is go back to my house." He does not give his name because he has family on the other side.



Bosnian Serb troops fire an anti-aircraft gun at Bihać from the village of Bosanska Krupa ten miles away

Serbs delay freedom for hostages

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

HOPES that the Serbs would soon release peacekeepers being held hostage from Britain and other countries faded yesterday. United Nations officials also said that the fate of Bihać and possibly UN operations in the country hinged upon Serb concessions, which were unlikely.

In the northwestern Bihać "safe area" — centre of fierce disagreements between the UN, Nato and the United States and major European powers — sporadic fighting continued. Two mortar shells were fired into the town yesterday, killing one civilian. Heavy infantry fighting also

continued along the city's southern and western outskirts.

An estimated 70,000 civilians are packed into what remains of the UN "safe area." Nato and the UN are largely paralysed in the face of the Serb assault.

A senior UN spokesman said yesterday that the Bosnian Serb media had promised the release of 160 of more than 400 peacekeepers being held hostage by the Serbs against further Nato air strikes. Of the group, 63 are British soldiers in two convoys caught at Serb check points near the eastern town of Gorazde.

The UN said the Serbs had described the detention of the British and Dutch soldiers on Saturday as a "mistake". But

by late yesterday there appeared to have been no progress in securing their release. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, said there was little his force could do without concessions from the Bosnian Serbs.

The UN was anxiously awaiting word from the Serb stronghold of Pale, outside Sarajevo, on whether a ceasefire proposal for Bihać, accepted by the Bosnian government, would be agreed to by the Serbs.

□ New York: Contingency plans drawn up by Nato and the United Nations estimate that it would take almost six months to pull all UN peacekeepers out of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

MAN IN THE NEWS

Plight of Muslims moves blunt Dole

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IN BRUSSELS today, and at Downing Street tomorrow, Nato leaders and John Major will finally come face to face with Robert Dole, the foremost American exponent of a Bosnian policy that threatens to cause irreparable damage to Nato, the United Nations and the Anglo-American "special relationship".

Mr Dole, who becomes the Senate's Republican majority leader on January 3, said on Sunday that British and French pusillanimity in the face of Bosnian Serb aggression had led to the "complete breakdown" of the Atlantic alliance. He called for the removal of their peacekeepers from Bosnia and said that the US, acting unilaterally if necessary, should abandon the UN arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims so they could defend themselves.

Mr Dole is well known for caustic, intemperate remarks, and they have earned him a reputation as the "Darth Vader" of American politics. But his remarks, while unusually blunt, were neither nasty nor ill-considered, although to America's supposed allies in Europe they seemed extreme.

Mr Dole has attacked the arms embargo as morally indefensible almost since its imposition. Friends say he has been profoundly moved by the Muslims' plight and attribute his concern to his own past sufferings.

Mr Dole, 71, was raised in poverty in the Kansas dustbowl. He spent the Depression in the basement of his home, the rest of which his parents had let to make ends meet and as a lawyer, had to sign his grandparents' welfare cheques.

Pressure grows for UN cuts

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SENATOR Robert Dole and the new Republican majority in Congress are likely to press even harder for cuts in crucial American funding for the United Nations in the wake of the Bihać débacle.

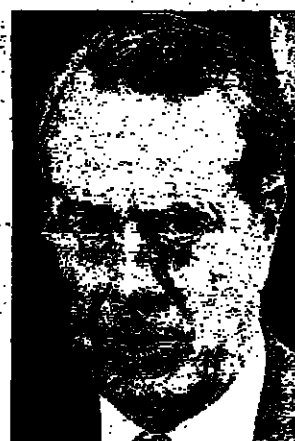
Before leaving for Britain, Mr Dole, the new leader in the Senate, said the failure of UN peacekeepers to protect the UN-declared Bihać "safe area" was "going to have the Republican Congress taking a hard look at what we spend in

the United Nations". His comments were echoed by another powerful Republican senator, Phil Gramm of Texas, who said UN funding would be re-examined as part of the party's comprehensive overhaul of government spending.

Paying for the UN was an unpopular cause in Congress even before this month's mid-term elections swept the Republicans to power in both houses. Last year, Congress voted to cut the US contribu-

tion to UN peacekeeping unilaterally from its current level of around 31 per cent to 25 per cent from next year.

Steve Dimoff, a UN policy expert, said Capitol Hill was already very hostile to UN funding, and predicted that peacekeeping operations in Cyprus and Rwanda could fall foul of US cuts. Even a transfer of command to the United Nations in Haiti could be in doubt.



Dole "Darth Vader of American politics"

Couple on trial for war crimes

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BELGRADE

A SERB couple accused of murdering 18 civilians during the Croatian war went on trial yesterday in the first war crimes trial in the Serb-held part of Croatia.

Serbs took about a third of Croatia's territory in a six-month war that ended with a tenuous United Nations-brokered truce in January 1992.

The court in Beli Manastir, the "administrative capital" of Serb-held Baranja, charged Dusan Boljevic, a 47-year-old restaurateur, with killing civilians in their homes with an automatic rifle between October and December 1991. His wife Jagoda, 45, reportedly stood guard outside the houses with a machinegun.

The two are known as "the Monster Couple". All their victims were Croats, Muslims or ethnic Hungarians. Serb authorities in Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia have said that they do not recognise the authority of an international tribunal established in The Hague, The Netherlands, to deal with war crimes in former Yugoslavia. They have said that national courts are to deal with such cases. Last week Dusko Vuckovic, a former member of a Serb paramilitary group, went on trial in Serbia.

Mr Boljevic, a member of the rebel Serb forces who was known as "Rambo" or "Legend", and his wife could face a death sentence if convicted. War begun in Croatia and later in Bosnia when minority Serbs rebelled against the decision of the two republics to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. An estimated 10,000 people were killed in the Croatian war.

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Kohl's party agrees to reserve a third of its jobs for women

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A ROW over the role of women in the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, yesterday ruffled the calm of the party's special post-election congress. The gathering, nevertheless, overwhelmingly confirmed the Chancellor as party chairman. Herr Kohl has led the party for 21 years and now seems set to go on and on. His re-election as Chancellor in October also means that he is on track to break Konrad Adenauer's record of 14 years in power. He should achieve this goal in two years' time.

Yesterday, Herr Kohl received more than 94 per cent of the vote and was given a standing ovation. Amid the adulation there was only a flicker of criticism directed at the lacklustre content of the government's programme for the next four years.

On the evening before the congress, Herr Kohl tried to defuse an argument over female quotas for party office. The congress eventually passed a plan allocating a third of all party posts to women and requiring a third

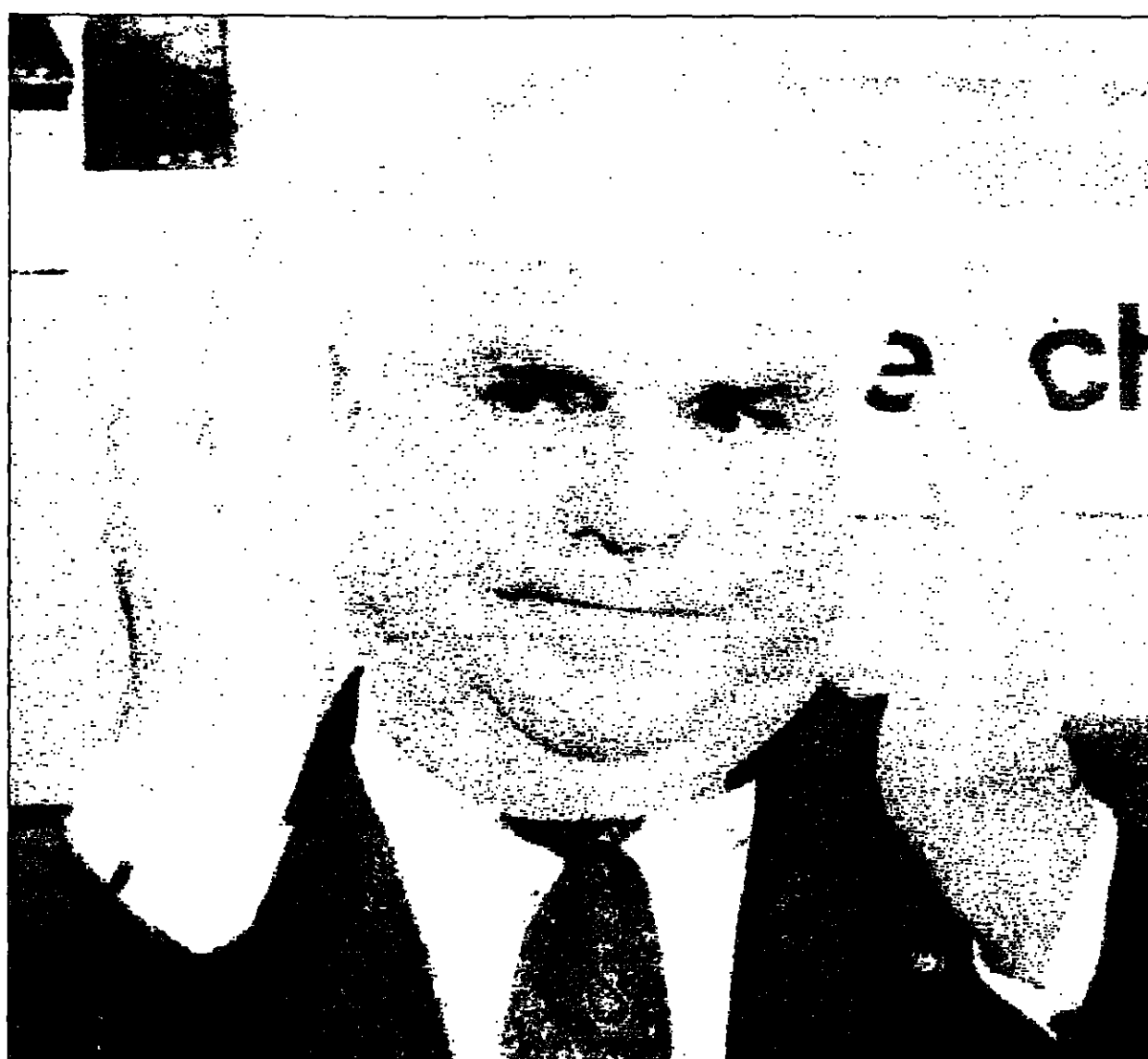
of all party candidates for parliament also to be women. A head of steam built up behind the quota idea after the less than brilliant performance of the Christian Democrats in the October 16 election. Christian Democrat liberals argued that women were among the main defectors from the party and claimed the reason was that the CDU presented itself as an overly masculine, grey-suited, beer-quaffing organisation. A quarter of the party's 685,000 members are women, but fewer than 15 per cent of the party's parliamentary deputies are female. Rita Süssmuth, the parliamentary Speaker, actively lobbied for a guaranteed quota of jobs. "It's an anachronism that, at the end of the 20th century, we have to fight for a quota to gain the right for women to have their true say," she said.

The new measure was opposed primarily by women themselves. Its female critics argued that their political importance would be debased if they were known as "token females". One flanking attack came from Monika Hoh-

meier, daughter of the late Franz Josef Strauss, who was leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU). Frau Hohmeier is now the deputy chairman of her father's old party, the CDU's main coalition partner. "I'm against merely mimicking the Social Democrats," she said.

The Social Democrats have had a quota arrangement since 1988; the Greens operate a similar system. The result is that 59.2 per cent of all Green party jobs and 33.7 per cent of Social Democrat posts are held by women. Frau Hohmeier claims that CDU and CSU voters are more conservative and that the parties should wait for a fundamental grassroots change before introducing a quota.

Men played virtually no part in the congress debate. Even behind the scenes, the fiercest opponents of Claudia Nolte, 28, Herr Kohl's new Family Minister, were women opposed to her fervent anti-abortionist policies. In the end it was Chancellor Kohl's decision to swing his support behind a quota system that settled the matter.



Helmut Kohl applauds a speaker at yesterday's post-election Christian Democratic Union congress in Bonn

NEWS IN BRIEF

EU lifts embargo against Syria

London: The European Union lifted its eight-year embargo on Syria yesterday as a result of a thawing of relations (Our Foreign Staff writes). Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said the decision had been nodded through at a meeting of his EU colleagues.

In Brussels Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, criticised the decision, saying Syria did not need weapons if it wanted peace.

Pakistan deal

London: John Major and Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, promised at Downing Street talks yesterday to boost British investment in Pakistan. They will sign an agreement this week. Total trade in 1993 amounted to £38.5 million and Britain is the second largest investor and fourth largest exporter to Pakistan.

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Lira in free fall

Rome: As the lira went into free fall over his plight, Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister, again avoided questioning by Milan magistrates over allegations of corruption. He explained that his lawyer was not available.

Chechen threat

Moscow: President Dudaev of Chechnya said that he would today execute dozens of Russians captured fighting for the Chechen opposition if Moscow refused to admit they were regular soldiers.

Minister quits

Ankara: Mumtaz Soysal, Turkey's Foreign Minister, an outspoken critic of the conservative policies of Tansu Ciller, the Prime Minister, has resigned, the Anatolian news agency said. (Reuter)

No-dough area

Nicosia: A Greek pizza delivery man was detained for three days in a Turkish Cypriot jail after straying across the buffer zone on the divided island of Cyprus to take an order to United Nations peacekeepers. (Reuter)

Three held in Chagall case

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS



Chagall: charges relate to 45 of his gouaches

THREE figures in the Paris art world, including the head of a well known gallery, have been arrested after police uncovered the sale of about 45 works by Marc Chagall which were spirited out of the late painter's home by his housekeeper.

A senior officer in the Paris art theft squad confirmed last night that the gouaches, worth millions of pounds, had been sold by fraudulent means and traced to buyers

in France, the United States, Japan and other countries. Several had passed through Sotheby's, the officer said, "but the House was acting in good faith and had nothing to do with the fraud". Sotheby's declined to comment last night.

"Nobody reported the theft," the officer said. He added: "It was a very well disguised operation."

Among those detained in an investigation that has

shaken the art world is Yves Hemin, 65, head of the Galerie Bernheim on the Avenue Matignon in central Paris. He is alleged to have worked with Jean-Luc Versteeg, 38, a businessman who is alleged to have devised the scheme to steal the paintings after the death of Chagall in 1985. The third suspect is Georges Guerra, an alleged accomplice of M Versteeg. They are charged with receiving stolen goods and fraud.

Brussels auditors attack states over beef surplus

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

THE European Court of Auditors, in another embarrassing attack on waste in the European Union, has published a report criticising rising beef market surpluses and inadequate supervision by member states, including Britain.

The court calls for an overhaul of the European beef market, whose management cost the European taxpayer £3 billion in 1993, a big rise over previous years.

The court also criticises mismanagement by national livestock agencies, including Britain's Meat and Livestock Commission, whose representatives are reported to be exposed to conflicts of interest.

The report said that the "1992 reform of the common agricultural policy failed to solve the problem of structural surpluses". Despite a recent temporary improvement in the level of stock, the court predicts that the "structural imbalance, which has persisted for over a decade, is getting worse".

In another episode, Britain finds itself heading for a showdown with Jacques Delors, the outgoing President of the European Commission, after threatening to block a key element in an EU plan for transport and energy networks. Britain's objection relates to a proposal, supported by M Delors, that would give

the Commission the right to raise new money through bonds and other "off-budget" techniques to help to fund the Trans-European Networks, which include the high-speed train link between London and the Channel Tunnel and a Glasgow-London rail link.

The proposals were accompanied by an official note of reservation by the British Government, which said that "the United Kingdom representative did not agree to the principle of any new or 'non-conventional' forms of Community support".

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Protest by Britain at Gibraltar frontier clampdown

By DOMINIQUE SEARLE IN GIBRALTAR
AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN has protested to Spain over the partial closing of the border between Spain and Gibraltar and over what it regards as unacceptable harassment of all those crossing the frontier at La Linea.

New restrictions at what has been dubbed locally "checkpoint Franco" started four weeks ago and reached a peak on Saturday when the Spanish authorities imposed double checks at La Linea exit and entry points.

David Davis, Minister for Europe, recently told Carlos Westendorp, his opposite number in Madrid, that Britain rejected any attempt to apply pressure over the Rock. He said that would harm joint attempts to curb drug smuggling through Gibraltar.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is to meet Javier Solana, the Spanish Foreign Minister, in about three weeks to review the glacial progress made towards a resolution of Spanish claims to Gibraltar, ten years after the signing of the Brussels Agreement which allowed Spain to raise sovereignty for discussion at annual talks. The meeting is likely to be frosty.

On Sunday, in protest at the new controls and the tenth anniversary of the agreement,

the 25,000 Gibraltarians and 5,000 British expatriates boycotted Spain in a stay-at-home campaign.

Gibraltarians are expecting even tougher Spanish restrictions, with the virtual cutting off of the Rock from the mainland. Madrid says that both the United Kingdom and the local government under Joe Bossano, the Gibraltar Chief Minister, are failing to tackle tobacco contraband or to deal with allegations that the Rock is a money-laundering centre and a safe harbour for launch links to the Morocco-Spain cannabis run.

Mr Davis protested that the border checks were indiscriminate and undermined a good record of police co-operation. Last year the Gibraltar authorities confiscated 1.5 tons of drugs and arrested 450 people on drug-related offences.

The frontier restrictions have created queues up to seven hours long, and shops in Gibraltar have lost 35 per cent of their customers. Spain is also refusing to allow Gibraltar police to attend drugs co-operation conferences. Cesar Brafia, civil governor of Cadiz, has been placed in charge of operations co-ordinated between the Madrid Interior and Foreign Ministries.

Madrid: All Spanish airports were paralysed yesterday by a 24-hour strike by the 24,000 employees of Iberia, the troubled state airline (Edward Owen writes). In all, more than 500 flights were grounded.

Management and unions met to try to break the deadlock over mass dismissals and asset sales planned by Javier Salas, president of Iberia. He has been forced to act after the European Union ruled that Iberia has to produce a viability plan before it can obtain a rescue cash injection from the Spanish government of £643.5 million.



Bossano: expecting even tougher restrictions

Moderate loses in ANC poll

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

DISILLUSION among black voters at the failure of the African National Congress-led government to deliver a new society was blamed for the defeat of an ANC moderate in elections at the weekend.

Patrick "Terror" Lekota, the premier of the Orange Free State, was beaten into third place for provincial chairman of the ANC. His loss was blamed by radical delegates on his neglect of the people who had put him in office. Others said it was magic that Mr Lekota had paid the price for his reconciliatory position towards whites.

Another sign of black disappointment came yesterday with a letter to *The Sowetan*, a widely-read, black newspaper. The letter, signed by two black academics from the University of South Africa, accuses the government of favouring whites for powerful positions in government.

Jordanian tour group visits Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE first group of Jordanian tourists to visit Israel arrived to a red-carpet reception in the Red Sea resort of Eilat yesterday.

Greeted by Gabi Kadosh, the Mayor, and schoolchildren waving flags, the ten holidaymakers said they were glad to be "the first group of tourists to realise the dream of visiting Israel". Hundreds of Israelis have travelled in the other direction since the treaty was signed on October 26.

On Sunday, the two former enemies announced the setting of full diplomatic relations and issued a joint communiqué to commemorate what was called "a festive occasion". Jordan has already appointed its first ambassador to the Jewish state and Israel will soon follow suit. Embassies in Amman and Tel Aviv are expected to open on December 10.

Fleiss trial to end with a whimper

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE trial of Heidi Fleiss, the alleged Hollywood madam, is expected to end this week, much as it began: eclipsed by the O.J. Simpson murder case, and disappointing hopes of a world of high-priced sleaze laid bare in court.

Closing arguments were due yesterday in the case that once promised an expose of the darker side of Tinseltown, but delivered only brief video footage of amateurish call-girls being asked to undress for undercover police.

Ms Fleiss is charged with five counts of procuring women for prostitution and possessing cocaine for sale, and faces up to 11 years in prison. The 28-year-old, who now sells pyjamas in Pasadena, has sat calmly through four days of testimony which focused on a series of meetings last summer at the Beverly Hills Hilton, secretly video-

taped by police. Her lawyers, barred by the judge from mentioning their client's allegedly star-studded "black book" of customers' names, attempted to show that she was enticed into breaking the law.

The video starred Detective Sammy Lee, the diminutive Asian-American mastermind of the June 1993 undercover operation. It showed a girl accepting money and taking off her clothes before Mr Lee was called away by a telephone call from colleagues in the next room.

The court dissolved in laughter when a fire alarm disturbed the meeting. Mr Lee explained it had been set off by his eavesdropping chain-smoking colleagues.

Even if Ms Fleiss is acquitted, she and her father, a paediatrician, still face a federal fraud trial in January.



Thirty-seven refugees from Rwanda's Hutu majority are handed back over the border by Zairean troops. They were accused of murder and theft

Zaire poised to expel Rwanda leaders blamed for genocide

FROM SAM KILEY IN KATALE CAMP, EASTERN ZAIRE

ZAIREAN security forces yesterday threatened to send Rwandan refugee leaders implicated in genocide back to their own country as troops burned refugees out of villages where they had been living alongside local people.

Katale camp, where 19 people were killed and 40 wounded when Zairean troops opened fire on refugees last week, was swollen yesterday with between 7,000 and 10,000 people driven from the surrounding area.

The "cleansing" of the Rwandans was "very well organised and systematic",

aid workers said. Special forces flown in from Kinshasa, who were used earlier to expel 37 alleged Hutu criminals back over the border into the hands of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan patriotic army on Sunday, were also used against ordinary refugees in the latest crackdown.

The main targets were middle class Hutu refugees who could afford to rent accommodation from locals. They included notorious politicians behind the genocide of a million Tutsis in Rwanda, and the killing of Hutus wishing to return home. The

UN High Commissioner for Refugees has protested at the treatment of the refugees, and about Sunday's expulsions. But in Kigali the UN issued a statement saying criminals were not entitled to UN protection.

Red Cross sources said they had been told the security forces' next deportation targets were likely to be militia leaders and other Rwandan politicians behind crime in Zaire who had been identified as leaders of the genocide. They would face instant arrest and then detention in Rwanda.

Students threaten to amputate limbs of whites

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

ZIMBABWEAN university students in a letter to parliament have threatened to amputate limbs and perform other medical procedures on whites in the streets.

The Student Representative Council of the University of Zimbabwe said that the action would be taken unless a Scottish anaesthetist, facing five charges of killing patients through negligence, was found guilty and given an "appropriate sentence".

The *People's Voice*, newspaper of the ruling Zanu (PF) Party, said that Obey Mudingwa, student council president, had written to parliament and to Patrick Chinamasa, the Attorney-General, who led the prosecution, to demand that Dr Richard McGown should be found guilty. If he was not, Mr Mudingwa, a medical student, said, "we will perform epidural morphines (an apparent reference to a form of anaesthesia) and amputations to whites in the streets".

Dr McGown, who denies the charges, has been waiting for four months for judgment in his trial, which came after a race uproar last year when a parliamentary committee accused him of conducting illegal and racist experiments on blacks.

Although the parliamentary report has been discredited, Dr McGown, 37, remains one of the local points of a wave of anti-white sentiment. The charges he faced — that he was responsible through negligence for the deaths of three women and two children between 1986 and 1992 — made no specific reference to experimentation, but the allegations in parliament have stuck in the public mind.

The students entered the controversy last month when they launched a "smash racism" campaign, in which they invaded nightclubs and restaurants and harassed local and foreign customers.

Diplomats yesterday were scornful of Mr Mudingwa's outburst. One asked: "What kind of society is this where someone in a responsible position gets away with violence, real or threatened, against a minority group?"

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Japan's coalition faces threat from new 'super party'

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN was plunged into a fresh round of political confusion last night when Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, tried to prevent his Socialist Party from self-destructing and opposition forces prepared to launch a new united "super party".

Mr Murayama yesterday met leaders of a rebel right-wing faction who have threatened to pull out of his party and form a new one. The escalating dispute between the Socialist left and right wings could bring down Mr Murayama's fragile coalition, an uneasy alliance between the Socialists, conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), and the small but influential Saigake.

The latest twist in Japan's continuing political drama coincided with a new survey of voters that reveals the depths of their disillusion with politics — 55 per cent said they did not support any party.

The Socialists control a small but critical block of votes in the Diet, or parliament, which brought them to power in June when Mr Murayama agreed to join forces with the party's long-time archrival, the LDP. Mr Murayama has proven more popular with the public than expected, but his coalition has a slim majority in the Diet and is beset by a growing number of internal rifts. Fueling the current dispute in the Socialist Party is the growing disaffection of its

core left-wing members who have seen Mr Murayama abandon many traditional Socialist platforms.

Opposition leaders, capitalising on the disarray within the government, voted last week to dissolve their parties and form a "super party" to be launched on December 10. The New Frontier Party, or Shinshinto, comprises six conservative and centrist parties and several splinter groups. The only opposition party not included is the Japan Communist Party. The new party has still to nominate a leader and outline its major policies, but analysts say that in most respects, it will closely resemble the centrist parties of key opposition figures such as Tsutomu Hata, a former Prime Minister, and Ichiro Ozawa, his close adviser. Both men were architects of the previous two reformist coalition governments and were forced from power in June by a no-confidence vote in the Diet.

At the root of the present upheavals are attempts by the ruling and opposition camps to expand popular support bases in preparation for the next general election, to be held some time next year. It will be the first contest under the new electoral system which passed into law earlier this month.

The new system has redrawn electoral boundaries and introduced proportional representation, favouring large parties.



Murayama: beset by factional rifts

Congress battles to hold south India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA is holding state elections that will demonstrate whether the governing Congress party, floundering and divided without the leadership of the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty, has lost its grip after 47 years of almost unbroken power.

The party, all but wiped out in northern India in the 1991 general election, faces strong challenges in its two important southern bastions, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Muslims will almost certainly abandon Congress this time, disgusted by its weak response to Hindu extremism.

Defeat in the next general election in perhaps a year's time, would end Congress's dominance and condemn India to unstable coalitions. The economic reform programme would be further undermined by such uncertainty.

The re-emergence of regional parties in southern India, based on language and local identity, has weakened Delhi's influence over its rebellious states, which are profligate

and jealous of their independence. Votes from the elections, being held over two weeks, will be counted next week. The small states of Goa and Sikkim are voting as well.

Andhra Pradesh is the home state of P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, the first southerner to lead India. A defeat on his own turf would weaken his leadership.

Many see Congress as having lost its moorings since the 1991 assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, whose Italian-born wife, Sonia, still casts a long shadow over the party. They hope that a young Gandhi family member will step forward one day and revive both the dynasty and the party.

□ **Bombay:** India's commercial capital was brought to a standstill yesterday by a general strike called by the opposition to protest against the deaths in Nagpur last week of 128 tribal demonstrators demanding job quotas. A truck driver was killed in yesterday's strike violence. (AFP)



Julio Maria Sanguinetti, of the Colorado Party, with his wife Martha yesterday just before it was announced that he had won the presidency of Uruguay. The portrait behind them is of former President Batlle

Uruguay votes for familiar face in cliffhanger presidential election

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MONTEVIDEO

JULIO Maria Sanguinetti, a former President and opposition party candidate, won Uruguay's closest election in recent history, the government said yesterday.

President Lacalle, of the National Party, telephoned Señor Sanguinetti early yesterday to congratulate him on Sunday's victory and invited him to a meeting to discuss the change of power on March 1, a government communiqué said.

Señor Sanguinetti, 58, a lawyer and former journalist, who represents the Colorado Party, was elected to his first five-year term in 1985 to oversee Uruguay's transition

to civilian rule after 12 years of military dictatorship. In his second term, he will guide his small nation's entry into the Mercosur customs union with Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay that will take effect next year.

Uruguay's businesses, which for decades have enjoyed protection from foreign competition, have been slow to prepare for Mercosur. Business leaders fear that they will be overwhelmed with a flood of goods from Argentina and Brazil and the rest of the world.

Señor Sanguinetti is a known quantity for Uruguay's 3.2 million inhabitants,

a factor that analysts said determined the election, the closest in recent Uruguayan history. "People know what I am about," he said just before casting his ballot on Sunday. "I am a worker and I share their values."

He said he would seek to increase Uruguay's exports. "We can no longer tolerate a high trade deficit" — \$568 million for the year ended in September.

Returns released by the Interior Ministry, based on 85 per cent of the returns, said that Señor Sanguinetti's Colorado Party received \$86,392 votes compared with

the National Party's 566,622 and \$54,206 for the left-wing Progressive Encounter. About 85 per cent of eligible residents voted, which is mandatory for citizens over 18. Failure to do so is punishable by fines. Voters also elected 99 members of the House of Deputies, 30 senators and 19 provincial governors and legislatures.

President Lacalle was not a candidate, being forbidden by law from serving consecutive terms. In the 1960s and 1970s, Señor Sanguinetti served as a deputy in congress and had brief stints as Commerce Minister and Education Minister.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese to tackle resurgent triads

Peking: China must act immediately to curb the spread of triad activity, the official *Legal Daily* said yesterday.

Organised crime, wiped out after the Communist takeover in 1949, has made a comeback, with triad groups forming extensive vice and drug rings. Last year, China smashed more than 150,000 gangs.

Peking told a world conference on organised crime in Italy last week that the re-emergence of triads was posing a serious threat to China's social stability. (AFP)

Leader charged

Malacca: Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik, who resigned as Chief Minister of Malaysia's Malacca state over claims he had an affair with a girl of 15, has been charged with two counts of corruption and abuse of power. (Reuters)

Party formed

Singapore: A new political party has been formed in Singapore. But Sin Kek Tong, the leader of the Singapore People's Party, admits it has no hope of unseating the People's Action Party, which has ruled since 1959. (AP)

Dam protest

Bangkok: About 1,000 Thai protesters have invaded the site of a hydro-electric dam being built on the Moon river in Ubol Ratchathani province, where fishermen have lost their livelihoods. Police are standing by. (AFP)

State of the art

Peking: Liu Yingfu, a Hong Kong businessman, paid £1.2 million at auction for a 13-foot-long Chinese bamboo painting by Wang Linxi. It is believed to be the most expensive Chinese ink-brush painting ever sold. (Reuters)

Panda saved

Peking: Chinese military doctors have saved the life of Romgrong, diagnosed as having acute pancreatitis and intestinal problems. Xinhua said. The panda was born eight years ago by artificial insemination. (Reuters)

China ignores pact to share river resources

Scepticism greets Mekong accord

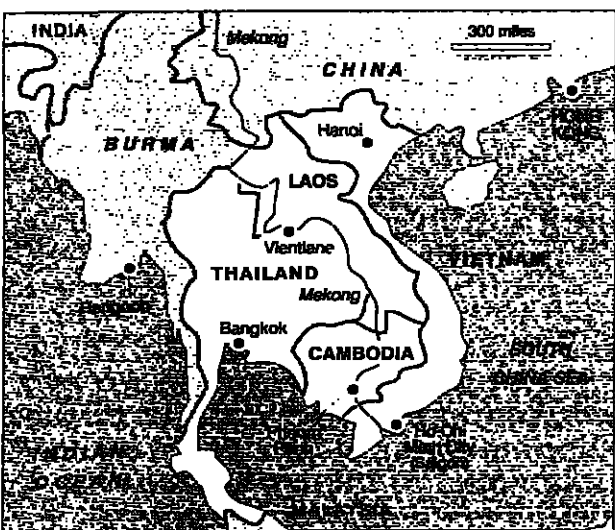
BY JAMES PRINGLE

AFTER decades of war and disputes, four nations along the lower Mekong signed a draft agreement yesterday to share the waters of the river, the twelfth longest in the world, and to protect it from environmental damage.

Considering, however, that two of the signatories, Vietnam and Cambodia, are at bitter loggerheads over shipping rights, and that a third, Thailand, has been accused of siphoning off huge amounts of water for irrigation, there was considerable scepticism in the region that the agreement was quite the landmark being projected by the United Nations Development Programme, which negotiated the deal. The fourth signatory state is Laos.

Additionally, China, where the river rises, and Burma, whose territory it skirts, were not signatories, although they were party to agreements earlier this year under which \$12 billion (£7.7 billion) will be spent on projects to weave together economic and transport links damaged by years of war and mistrust.

Basically, all these countries



have poor relations one with another," one regional analyst said last night. "Vietnam and Cambodia share only a mutual hatred and Laos is suspicious of everybody. It's very difficult at this stage to see anything positive coming of this."

The Mekong is an important source of irrigation and a vital means of transport in the region. Cambodia recently ac-

cused Vietnam of delaying shipping along the river, while Hanoi has said that Cambodian vessels must complete the necessary formalities before they can use it to travel to the South China Sea. The dispute stems from allegedly poor treatment by Cambodia of Vietnamese settlers in the war-ravaged country.

At the signing ceremony in Hanoi, a Thai official admit-

ted that agreement was incomplete without the co-operation of the other two Mekong countries, China and Burma. China's relations with Vietnam are cool, at best, despite recent high level contacts between the two countries, and Burma, under strict military rule, is a maverick state.

Nevertheless, diplomats say that the accord, under which a new commission will be set up to co-ordinate development plans and resolve disputes along the Mekong, can only be beneficial in the long term.

"At least it gives them a forum in which to talk and attempt to resolve differences," a foreign envoy said.

Arrangements have been included in the accord to bring China and Burma into the agreement if they wish to join. Nay Hun, a UN Development Programme official said. No agreement has been reached yet on where the secretariat of the new Mekong river commission will be based or when the organisation's council, which will eventually arbitrate on disputes, will hold its first meeting to decide such aspects of the deal.

Pentagon defends bus passengers

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A PENTAGON satellite system which directed missiles in the Gulf War, is to be used in America to save commuters from freezing at bus stops this winter.

The transit authority serving the twin cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul, plans to employ the Defence Department's Global Positioning System in a scheme that could set a trend for "smart" bus networks worldwide.

The satellite system will track 80 of the authority's 1,000 buses to within 50 ft, supplying updates on their position every 30 seconds. Commuters will then be able to retrieve the tracking data from their home computers and at special kiosks, en-

abling them to plan trips more accurately.

Bus company officials hope the one-year \$6.5 million (£4.3 million) scheme will prove popular with passengers, who have to wait for buses in wind-chill factors of up to 50°F below zero in Midwest winters.

If the plan is a success, buses on all 120 routes will be fitted with the palm-sized rooftop "automated vehicle locators" which send out signals to the Pentagon tracking satellites.

Eventually, the technology could spread across America. It is already being tested, without commuter involvement, in Baltimore, Denver and Milwaukee.

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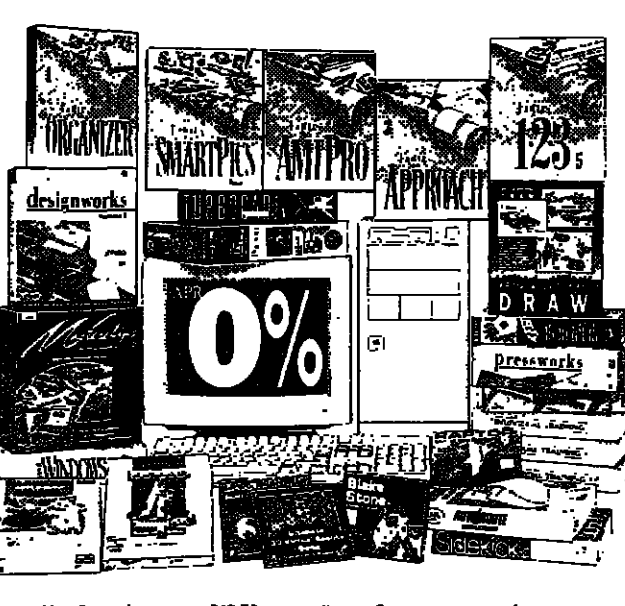
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Julia Llewellyn Smith meets an octogenarian who might once have become Prime Minister

Rebel without a pause

Somerset de Chair is stinking rich. This 83-year-old author, former MP and war hero, lives in the kind of houses that most of us pay £5 to gaze at on Bank Holiday Mondays. When you visit him at one of them, Bourne Park, near Canterbury, the chauffeur picks you up in a Jaguar and drives you through rippling countryside, through colossal gates, across a humpback bridge and up to a perfectly-proportioned, Queen-Anne mansion.

In the hall, Van Dycks are dripping from the walls, a 15th-century triptych of the Adoration of the Magi stands in pride of place. It is mid-morning and de Chair is sitting in an anteroom, taking alternate sips of coffee and gin and tonic. Outside, the swimming pool is hibernating under tarpaulin. Inside, the temperature is positively sub-tropical. Heating bills are not an issue for the de Chairs.

"How big is the house?" I ask, as I help him to hobble through the cavernous rooms, past the Stubbesses and the De Hoochs and his world-famous jade collection. "Oh, not awfully big," he replies perkily. "There are only 15 bedrooms."

If this man had not existed, Evelyn Waugh would have invented him. In the racy, pacy 1930s, he was the brightest of the bright young things, buoyed by inherited wealth, gliding between Oxford and London in his open-top Rolls and accumulating stately homes and beautiful wives in equal measure.

There was substance, however, to de Chair's blonde-haired, blue-eyed style. He wrote his first book *The Impending Storm* at the age of 20, and by 24, at the height of the abdication crisis, he was MP for South West Norfolk. During the war, he was one of the two officers to accept the surrender of Baghdad and was wounded at the Battle of Palmyra. "Would you like to see what the Vichy French did to me?" he inquires, rolling up his trouser leg to reveal swollen flesh and a hole as big as a marble.

Before the war, he visited Mussolini; after it, he lunched with Churchill. He produced three novels and three collections of poetry. His account of the Iraqi campaign, *The Golden Carpet*, was regularly compared with the work of T.E. Lawrence. He wrote a biography of Getty and edited Napoleon's memoirs.

No wonder, then, that de Chair's publishers decided to subtitle *Morning Glory*, the first part of this eminent man's autobiography, *Memoirs from the Edge of History*.

The author, however, is horrified by their choice. "Rather pompous, don't you think," he says. "I wanted them to call it *The Indiscretions of a Self-Confessed Heterosexual*. But the publishers said 'Oh no! We couldn't possibly'."

Well actually, they could. For these rambling memoirs, packed as they are with fascinating historical detail, still linger in the memory as the remarkably frank confessions of a man who has been married four times and admits: "I love women — all women."

Thus, de Chair's memories of his childhood in Australia, where his father was the Governor General of New South Wales: of his time at



Somerset de Chair: long passages of his book are devoted to dalliances with older women, almost literally under the nose of his first wife

Oxford: of his trip to America where he visited Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks at "Pickfair"; of his days in the Commons under Baldwin, are all permeated with glowing evocations of women in their infinite variety.

On the very first page, the three-year-old Somerset is playing "tents" in the bed of his headmistress's daughter. He was nearly 19 when he lost his virginity in the vac from Oxford to a middle-aged Norwegian maid in New York. From then there was no stopping him. De Chair's second year at Oxford involved twice-weekly visits to the "extraordinarily good-looking" tart of Bond Street, who charged only £3 a go.

De Chair was not interested only in professionals, however. Long passages are devoted to dalliances with older women, almost literally under the nose of his first wife, the straight-laced Thelma, who, unfortunately for de Chair, lacked the tolerance of her successors.

After 18 years of marriage, Thelma had her revenge. "She was on the London County Council and I was a

parliamentary candidate for South Piddington. It would have been all right," says de Chair, snoring helplessly at the memory, "but for the fact I had rented a house in Belgrave for me and Carmen, the girl I was passionately in love with, who had been pregnant since April."

The house was taken in the name of Appleton — somewhat confusing the landlady, who was confronted everywhere by election posters of de Chair. "She went to my wife and said: 'I want you to be the first to know.' These women who want you to be the first to know are dangerous."

Thelma employed a firm of private detectives and collected the evidence to hit de Chair with a divorce suit. He was forced to stand down. *Plus ça change*. "I don't think it was necessary at all. It didn't interfere with my public duties. I saw Winston [Churchill] in the smoking room and his

De Chair gave up his political career for a woman who bolted

voice boomed out: 'What is the charge? Adultery?' Then he said: 'Are you thinking of marrying the other party? Is she a Conservative? So what's the problem? I said my wife was a member of the executive committee and his aquamarine eye bulged. He said:

"Surely you don't attend the local committee?"

But de Chair had to go and, to make matters worse, Carmen shortly bolted with the naval officer who was navigating *Harbell*, her husband's 56-ton yacht. "It was rather disillusioning, since this was the woman I had given up my entire political career for," he snorts indignantly.

So then there was Tessa, the model, followed in 1974 by his current wife, the beautiful Lady Juliet, 59, the former wife of the Marquess of Bristol and the only daughter of Earl Fitzwilliam.

They lived at St Oysth's Priory, a

fairytale medieval pile in Essex, but then Juliet inherited a £20 million art collection. "It's astonishing really. There are seven Stubbesses, six Van Dycks."

So far, so good, but when the 48 Hepplewhite chairs arrived, space ran out. "It was all too much; a lot of her ancestors seemed to be 7ft tall, we needed great, high rooms to put them in." So they bought Bourne Park and now divide their time between there, Essex and their farm in New York State. Their daughter, Helena, (de Chair has five more) is 17 and is plainly adored.

Today, de Chair is balding and, lame, a jowly shadow, in his elegant suit, of his *Morning Glory* self. But the roguish irreverence still sparkles, the laughter is as irrepressible as ever. "I fully expected to become Prime Minister," he says. "But I've always been in trouble. I've been a rebel without a pause. I'm not a team player. All the same, I do feel pretty relaxed and happy. Everything seems to have turned out pretty well."

● *Morning Glory* is published by Cassell, £20

When hedonism goes bananas

Why the law in this country is peculiarly out of tune not only with the churches, but also with parents

I AM having the greatest difficulty superimposing the image of Rabelais upon that of John Wesley, but I suppose the Rev John Kennedy's unexpected conversion to the pleasure principle requires me to try.

What possible agent, short of despair, could have persuaded the Secretary of the Methodist Division of Social Responsibility to advocate abandoning his church's distinctly univocal, not to say sternly ascetic, tradition in favour of what he calls, "a serious hedonism?"

Come on everybody, let's all have fun with sex and money, but seriously, mind fails to convince as a Methodist battle-cry for the 1990s. But the underlying desperation that provoked it is real enough in the new collection of essays from the Institute of Economic Affairs, *Teaching Right and Wrong: Have the Churches Failed?* There are the contributors, stuck in the pulpits, teaching right pretty effectively to an attentive but barely statistically significant class, while out there in the real

institution capable of teaching Christianity is a Christian's church. Every school should be a Sunday school."

By this he means that church schools, of any faith, should be encouraged to opt out of the state system altogether and give the job of teaching religion and morality to the only people who can make a proper job of it, namely the ordained priests, rabbis and Imams. Having a few children taught properly would do society more good, and might even rub off and produce "a better class of abasement" among the rest.

This is also, in its way, a counsel of despair, but in articulating it Mr Davies makes a strong point which is surely the key to tackling that queasiness — that feeling that if we go on as we are there will be many more Bulger cases. He asks how it has come about that the legal system assumes children are incapable of telling the difference between right and wrong and acting accordingly while the churches operate on the opposite premise, and exert themselves to teach children this distinction from earliest infancy.

Why does the law say children are incapable of being criminal until they are twice the age at which the Jesuits thought a child, having been properly instructed up to that point, was safely set

on the Christian path for the rest of his or her life?

The law is peculiarly out of tune not only with the churches, but also with parents who by tradition and instinct socialise their children in precisely this way. How many times a day do parents tell infants: "Do this/that's right/don't do that, it's naughty/good girl/bad boy? When the family breaks down, it is not just schools which take on the guiding parent role: the criminal justice system also comes into play.

HOW CAN secular schools, operating within that framework of secular law, be expected to convince children that there is any compulsion to be good if the law says children are incapable of knowing what "good" means? The only possible compulsion must come from a higher power, and you will only expect that if you believe in the higher power: if you don't, the law is the highest power you will have to deal with.

In its way, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers is calling for the same thing, the "re-criminalisation of childhood", when it asks for the power to exclude children from school — and really mean it, rather than having them back a few days later in a way that nullifies the original sanction.

If religious education in secular schools is indeed a will-o'-the-wisp we should be looking hard at what real rules and genuine sanctions we have to control the prevailing unserious hedonism.



MARGOT NORMAN

Lady of the House

Nancy Astor made political history at Westminster 75 years ago



Nancy Astor in 1922

Seventy-five years ago this week the first woman MP took her seat in the House of Commons. On November 28 1919, Nancy Astor was declared the winner in a by-election in the Sutton division of Plymouth.

On December 1 she was introduced at Westminster by Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, and Arthur Balfour, a former PM. By their rank and the fact that one was Liberal, the other Tory, they showed that the occasion transcended party.

The new MP wore the black coat and skirt with white blouse and black hat that were to become her Parliamentary uniform. *Punch* described her as "demure but daintily garbed", and one of the Clerks thought her appearance "suggestive of Shakespeare's Portia, fair-minded and fastidious and a little didactic".

The appearance was misleading. In fact, Nancy Astor's prevailing characteristics were disregard for convention and full-blooded prejudice. The latter was to prove, in the long run, a disadvantage to her as a parliamentarian, but the former was a priceless asset during the nearly two years that she had to sit as the only woman member of an immemorial men's club.

It was not until October 1921 that she was joined by another woman (Mrs Wintringham). Meanwhile she made her presence as a woman most effectively felt, by refusing to conform to many of the rules and rituals of the House, and by subjecting the men around her to the cheeky banter that was her stock-in-trade. She never had the least desire to be accepted as an honorary man, but asserted her femininity.

Harold Nicolson later paid this tribute to her pioneering achievement: "Her courage

was such that no subsequent woman Member ever felt inferiority when faced with that predominantly male assembly. It was Lady Astor who, from the very day of her introduction, taught her contemporaries that the expansion of woman's liberty could be achieved, not by mute acquiescence, but by voluble pugacity."

That the task fell to her — an American-born peeress, married to a millionaire also of recent American extraction — was a great irony and a considerable fluke. The general election of December 1918, the first in which women had

the vote and were eligible to stand, left the male monopoly at Westminster intact.

Christabel Pankhurst, the suffragette leader who had turned super-patriot during the First World War, was defeated by only 775 votes at Smethwick, in Ireland, Countess Markievicz, Constance Gore-Booth, was elected as Sinn Féin candidate for a Dublin constituency, but did not take her seat at Westminster because she refused to take the oath of allegiance.

So the honour of becoming the first sitting woman MP was still up for grabs when, a year later, Nancy's husband, Waldorf Astor, had to forfeit his Plymouth seat on the death of his father, who had earlier, without consulting him, accepted a peerage.

Nancy was chosen to fight the seat in his place partly because it was felt that, if the law were changed, she would be willing to stand down in his favour. But she was also popular locally, and much admired for her beauty and wit. As it turned out, the law was not changed until 1963, so Waldorf remained in the Lords and she held the Sutton seat until the 1945 election, which she did not contest.

Her by-election triumph was big news in her native America, where women were not yet enfranchised. (They had to wait until August 1920.) Apart from her psychological impact at Westminster, she achieved one solid legislative result in an Act to curb the sale of alcoholic drink to persons under age. In 1987 a blue plaque was unveiled on her London house by Margaret Thatcher. Our first woman PM never knew our first woman MP, but spoke of her with memorable warmth.

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Aluminium saucepans and an indigestion remedy may both contain dangers for the elderly, says Dr Thomas Stuttford

What has gone into your stewed fruit?

PATIENTS who refused my father's advice in the 1930s to avoid aluminium saucepans and cooking pots may now be paying the penalty by being incarcerated for a spell in an orthopaedic ward while their fractured hips are pinned.

The journal, *Age and Ageing*, reports that research workers in Sydney have demonstrated the link between fracture of the hip in the elderly — a common sign of weakened bones and a frequent cause of disability, and even death, in the older age groups — and the use of aluminium saucepans when they were young.

To my father's generation of doctors, who qualified well before the First World War, aluminium was a toxic substance. He would point to saucepans polished as brightly as a regimental cap badge by

being used for cooking rhubarb, stewing fruit or making jam, and suggests that the aluminium lost to the saucepan went into solution with the compote of fruit, and hence into the diner with an unknown effect.

The same Australian team of epidemiologists has studied the effect of regular consumption of antacids (indigestion medicines) containing aluminium salts. Aluminium salts are the basis of many of the white tablets and mixtures used to treat dyspepsia, and they usually give instantaneous relief. In a study of 207

patients over 65 who had suffered a fracture of the hip, the statisticians showed that taking aluminium-based antacids for more than ten years to treat indigestion nearly doubled the chance of sustaining a fracture in later life.

Persistent indigestion needs a diagnosis and treatment which, even if it does not produce a lasting cure, gives rise to a long period of remission in which the patient is without symptoms. Ignoring or inadequately



treating indigestion may not only give rise to trouble from chronic inflammation and ulceration, but also result in the early symptoms of malignant disease being missed or trivialised, with dire results.

The advent of drugs such as Cimetidine (Tagamet), Ranitidine (Zanac) and Omeprazole (Losec), which are particularly useful in the treatment of heartburn, oesophageal reflux, together with the ability to eradicate *Helicobacter*

pylori, bacteria which are the basis for much long-lasting indigestion, has revolutionised gastrointestinal medicine, and has made it essential for patients to seek advice if the symptoms are prolonged.

Acute indigestion which has an obvious cause can still very reasonably be treated with antacids: even my father would not object to the occasional dose of aluminium hydroxide as a first-aid measure. Even in these cases, excessive doses can cause nausea, vomiting and occasional intestinal obstruction; taken

in normal quantities it usually gives rise to some constipation. Only a prolonged use results in increased excretion of calcium, and the weakening of the bones which has been observed in the research in Sydney.

The treatment of the occasional attack of indigestion can equally well be with magnesium salts, but whereas aluminium salts cause constipation, magnesium salts can result in diarrhoea and excessive wind.

Diarrhoea with magnesium antacid, or constipation with those made from aluminium salts — you pay your money and you take your choice. But with either, the acute indigestion should be relieved. If it is not, your doctor's opinion is needed.

Needles prove a point

Dr Abi Berger on how patients at a GP's surgery found relief in a test using unconventional medicine

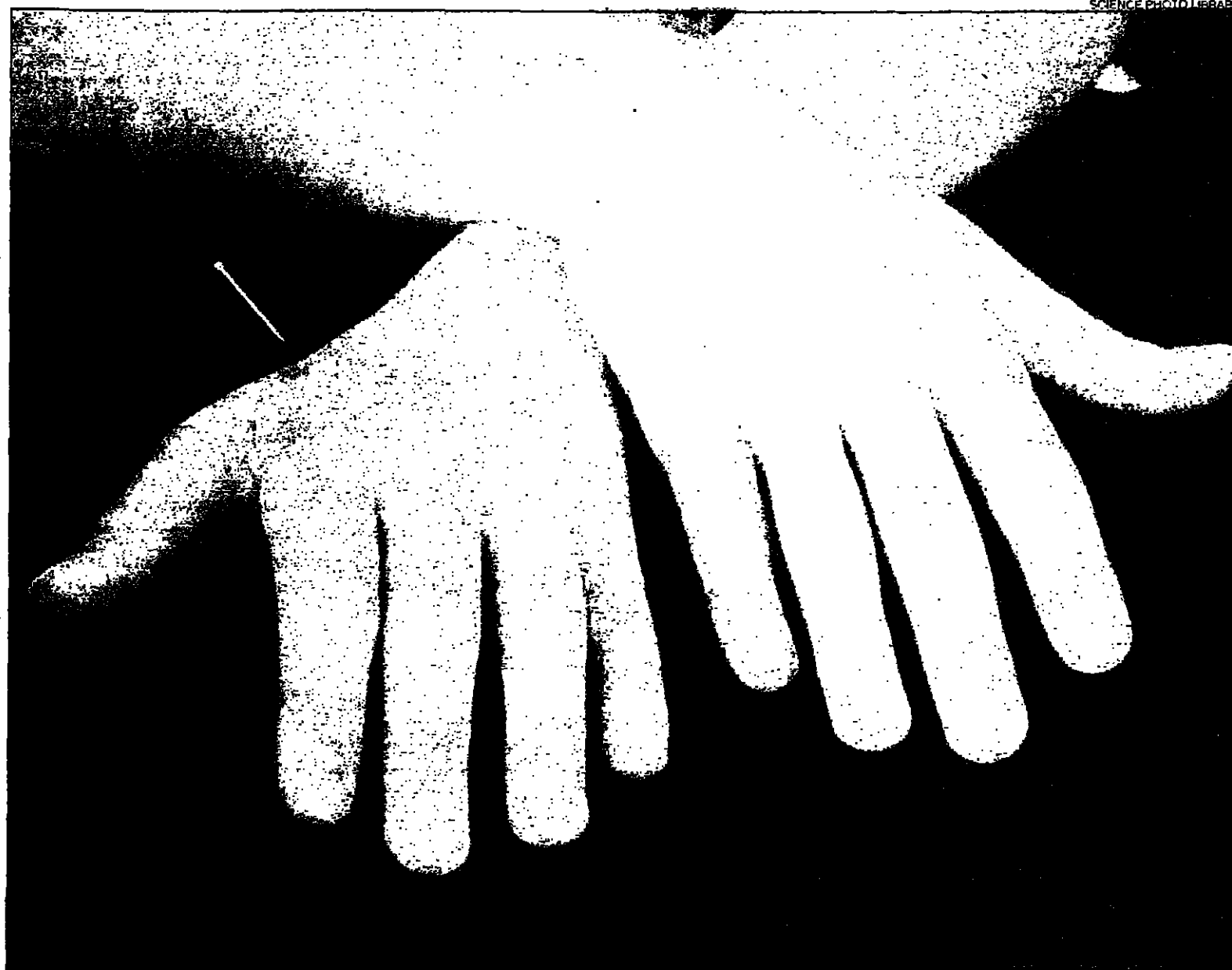
RECURRENT migraines were causing so much distress to Mary Clark that when her GP finally referred her for a course of acupuncture, she had no hesitation in trying it. For 10 years she had experienced an erratic pattern of debilitating migraines. Last winter, after several bad attacks, she was "prepared to try anything — even needles".

In retrospect it is difficult to judge how effective the acupuncture was. While she felt generally much better in herself during the six-week course, she admits there were other positive factors at play: "I made much more of a conscious effort to watch what I was eating, and to treat myself a bit better than usual while I was having the acupuncture. I haven't had a full-blown migraine since."

Traditional Chinese medicine incorporates not only acupuncture, but herbal medicines, massage and exercises. It attempts to "balance disharmonies" in the person. In its simplest form, acupuncture is said to work by using needles to influence certain "vital functions" through a system of "energy channels".

For example, migraine sufferers are helped by "needling" the foot, and morning sickness can be relieved by applying pressure to the forearm. Most of the benefits are believed to be mediated via the mid-brain and this necessitates an intact central nervous system.

There has been an explosive growth of non-conventional therapies being practised in the UK in recent years. More



Hands-on therapy: acupuncture is said to work by using needles to influence certain "vital functions" through a system of "energy channels"

than 160 have been identified. According to Dr Fleur Fisher, head of ethics at the British Medical Association, there has been a definite "shift in attitude" to complementary medicine in this country.

In 1986 any benefits from such therapies were regarded largely as purely "placebo effect" by the medical establishment. Last year, however,

the BMA, in response to its concern that patients and "consumers" should be protected against unskilled and unscrupulous practitioners, published a report — "Complementary Medicine — New Approaches to Good Practice". This report not only welcomed the complementary medicine explosion, with a call for codes of ethics, competence, valida-

tion, and increased collaboration with the medical profession, but also paved the way for regulation and research into such therapies.

All of these are necessary for professional self-respect, but in addition they help to ensure that all practitioners recognise their own limitations of competence. Serious negligence can occur if certain "red flag" symptoms go unrecognised and the patient is not referred on, if necessary, for conventional medical assessment. In the same way, doctors are encouraged to recognise their limitations and to refer their patients to complementary therapists when appropriate.

One example of regulation is the Council for Acupuncture which has compiled a register of all fully-trained acupuncturists in the UK, and the British Acupuncture Accreditation Board, an independent body which monitors standards of practice externally. There are many others.

As with conventional medicine, anyone wanting to select a complementary therapist should look for certain criteria of competence. Are they registered with a professional organisation? Is there a code of practice or a mechanism for dealing with discipline and complaints? Do they have experience and hold relevant qualifications?

Until very recently there has been little mixing of the NHS "establishment" and complementary medicine. For the latter to be viewed as a useful adjunct, rather than as a "dumping ground" for difficult patients, practitioners from both conventional and complementary schools have not only to try to understand what the other does, but also need to communicate in the same language.

The GP surgery in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, which Mary Clark attends is one example where collaboration is slowly beginning to happen. In 1993 a project was set up with funds from the local health authority. The initiative arose from the long waiting list for orthopaedic services in the district. The idea was to enter patients with specific problems — head, neck and back pain mainly — into the programme. If, after the initial consultation with a GP (who offered advice, exercises and simple pain relief) the problem

or pain persisted, these patients were "clinically matched" by their symptoms to receive either acupuncture, osteopathy or homeopathy from therapists working in the same surgery.

Altogether, over a nine-month period, almost 1,000 patients passed through the programme, with about 350 being referred on to the complementary therapists. Although some of the "pain" and "disability" data are still waiting to be analysed, the overall picture is very encouraging. More than 60 per cent of those referred for acupuncture for head, neck or upper back pain reported a "major improvement". The variety of problems included migraine, post-herpetic neuralgia (pain from shingles), and muscle spasm. Osteopathy also had consider-

able success.

Lumbar or chronic lower back problems were more difficult to treat with acupuncture because they are often caused by poor posture, which is notoriously difficult to alter in the long term. Acupuncture was more suitable for spinal problems associated with degeneration of bones, whereas manipulation with osteopathy was not. Homeopathy was more successful with people who had general health problems with multiple symptoms.

According to Dr David Beales, the GP who developed the protocol for the programme (and secured the funds for it), some of the most useful parts of the whole enterprise were the "Co-Operative Inquiry" meetings. Under the guidance of Dr Peter Reason, from the University of Bath, all the GPs and therapists involved met at regular intervals to discuss their patients, the degree of success they were achieving with their problems, and to try

A surgical emergency

Whatever happened to appendicitis?

Dr James Le Fanu ponders an intriguing medical mystery

IT MAY NOT be a lot of fun in the middle of the night with appendicitis, but there should be some consolation in knowing that one is making a vital contribution to the training of tomorrow's consultant surgeons.

Every aspirant surgeon has to start somewhere, and where better than by removing an inflamed appendix? A small incision just above the right groin, separate out the overlying muscle, cut into the peritoneal cavity, fish out the inflamed organ, tie it off with a ligature, a few stitches to the skin and it is all over.

First time round is actually a bit more difficult than this, but luckily the patient anaesthetised upon the table is unaware his operation — which in skilled hands should take less than ten minutes — is stretching to three quarters of an hour or more. Usually no harm results.

Now, however, there is a problem — at least for the medical profession. The incidence of acute appendicitis is in steep decline. Earlier this year Philip McCarthy, a junior surgeon at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital, reported that the number of cases in his district had declined by a half over the past 15 years. He was lucky to have the opportunity to remove one appendix a month and this was seriously impeding his acquisition of basic surgical skills.

"How can today's surgical trainees ever begin to learn their craft?" The *Lancet* lamented in an accompanying editorial. The frequency of appendicitis has, in fact, been declining steadily over the past 40 years and the mystery of why this should be has generated a diverting surgical controversy.

The appendix is a cul-de-sac off the caecum where the small and large intestines meet. In herbivorous animals it has an important physiological function, being a site for the fermentation of cellulose. In humans, however, it is much smaller, a vestigial organ with no apparent role, and therein lies the problem. Its opening off the gut is narrow and thus liable to be blocked by faecal material. Pressure builds up inside, the lining is eroded, bacterial infection sets in and in no time there is a full-blown case of acute appendicitis. If the diagnosis is delayed, the appendix ruptures, spilling out its infected contents into the abdomen and leading to

potentially life-threatening peritonitis.

That, at least, is the conventional explanation and one would naturally expect that such an intrinsic design fault in the gut would have been as likely to have caused appendicitis 2,000 years ago as now. But, surprisingly, this is not so. None of the great physicians of earlier times — Hippocrates, Galen or Maimonides — mentions it and, indeed, not until 1886 did an American surgeon, Reginald Fitz, first describe the unmistakable symptoms of abdominal pain starting around the umbilicus and moving towards the right groin. Appendicitis subsequently and rapidly became much the commonest of all surgical emergencies, peaking in frequency in the 1950s.

There are two contending theories to account for this — diet and infection. The late Dr Denis Burkitt, while a surgeon in Africa, was struck by the rarity of appendicitis and sent a questionnaire to surgeons at 25 mission hospitals. "Nobody saw more than three cases a year and ten did not admit more than one a year. A surgeon in the Congo had seen only one case in 28 years."

Dr Burkitt suggested that the Africans were protected by their high-fibre foods, and that appendicitis in the West was triggered by chronic constipation and tenacious stools after refinement of cereals.

Professor David Barker, epidemiologist at Southampton University, disagrees. He proposes instead that the cause lies in the improvement in hygiene standards with the arrival of domestic water supplies at the close of the Victorian era.

The resultant decreased incidence of infection, especially among children in wealthier families, changed their pattern of immunity so that they became more vulnerable to the depredations of bacteria in the gut. The pattern of appendicitis over the past 100 years, with a rapid rise followed by an equally precipitous fall, is certainly consistent with an infectious cause.

It will be another 20 years before appendicitis becomes as rare in Britain as in Africa. The young aspirant surgeon will then have no alternative other than to start his surgical career with something more ambitious — a hernia repair, perhaps, or cutting out a section of gangrenous bowel.

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Russia must not dictate in the Balkans

Roger Boyes calls for tough Western intervention in Bosnia

There is a common assumption that the Bosnian Serbs have not just Bihac but also the whole Nato alliance in a stranglehold. It is a false assumption, yet it is setting American politicians at odds with Britain. There is no equation between the fall of Bihac (or even Sarajevo) and the Western alliance.

The real dilemma is posed not by the Bosnian Serbs but by the Russians. The failure of the alliance is not the fumbled relationship between Nato and the United Nations, but the lack of clarity about Russia's role in our collective security. Is Moscow our past, present or potential enemy? Can it be Westernised — under our breath, we might say — by membership of Western institutions, or in a web of "special relationships"? Nato needs to puzzle its way through these questions. It was foolishly to expect an alliance constructed to counter Russian expansionism in Europe to be able to dream up a new purpose within a year or two. The collapse of communism as a physical event, as a car crash, and Nato, which initially enjoyed the gleam of a survivor, is now suffering from delayed shock and a throbbing headache.

The taking of British and Dutch military hostages by Bosnian Serbs at the weekend should have immediately changed the terms of debate. To take prisoner British troops was an act of war. At this stage, the balance between UN impartiality and Nato's need to demonstrate resolve should have shifted decisively towards Nato and the use of force. The logical next step is to move UN troops out of Bosnia, preferably with American air cover, and then act as a military alliance against the Bosnian Serb army. It is futile to fight for the plan to carve up Bosnia: any political solution now has to emerge from the position of a defeated Bosnian Serb leadership. The humanitarian operation will have to end, or at least be suspended until such time as the West can impose conditions on the Bosnian Serbs. The signs are that the Bosnian Muslims, the main victims of this war, would put up with an interruption of aid if that were the price of a Nato bombardment of Pale.

Yet none of this is likely to happen. The middle will continue. And the reason is Russia. Western decision-makers still suppose that Russia is mystically linked through the Orthodox Church to the Serbs. But the truth is cruder: the Russian military is strenuously against Nato expanding its influence within the Balkans, and every peace plan and every ceasefire is seen through this prism in Moscow. As long as Russia has a seat on the UN Security Council, as long as Nato submits to UN control, Russian generals will have more say in these European crises than most Western politicians. It is essential that the West free itself from the idea that Russia is an equal partner in shaping the security system of the future. The German press

We know how to cut through this knot, but we must use our sword

diplomacy is "to prevent or at least postpone the taking of the decision to increase the size of Nato". In place of Nato, Russia wants to promote this month's Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The American Republicans' victory may well stop this drift towards appeasement, and certainly it is viewed with quiet satisfaction by the Central Europeans. President Clinton's "Russia First" policy is likely to give way to a tougher stance. Russia's breaches of the terms of the treaty on conventional forces in Europe, for example, should be made into a major issue.

But for such a shift to occur, Washington's European allies need to agree. Common interests with Russia such as trade and the development of managerial skills and a legal infrastructure must go on; but the post-1991 argument of the past two years — "help us or Yeltsin will fall" — ranks little higher than blackmail, and should not be the defining factor in Nato politics. Nato has to address the continuities of Russian policy, not Russia's transient personalities. The first step is to escape the fear of Russia and the shadow game of guessing "if we do this, who will do what in Moscow?"

It is not too late to use military force in the Balkans. And it is certainly not too late to give Nato a sense of purpose. Since Alexander the Great we have known that it is possible to slice through a seemingly impossible knot. But you have to use your sword.

James Douglas-Hamilton's ancestors would have backed his decision, says Magnus Linklater

Laying down his peerage for his party

None comes nobler than the House of Douglas, from which Lord James descends. To browse through the annals of his family is to make a journey past the blood-stained milestones of Scottish history. Here is William Douglas, Second Earl of Angus, Ambassador to England in 1430 and

Warden of the Middle Marches, leading an army of Scots to victory against his host country at the Battle of Piperhead in 1436. Here are Black Douglases and Red Douglases conducting an interminable war of attrition against the Northumberland Earls of Percy. Here is the Fifth Earl, Archibald, High Chancellor of Scotland, known as Bell the Cat or the Great Earl, whose daughter Janet was burned for sorcery against James V. Royal links are everywhere. The ninth Earl was great-grandfather of James I of England; it was a Duke of Hamilton who engineered the accession of William III to the throne of Scotland; it was a descendant who was sentenced to death, but reprieved, for supporting the Old Pretender in 1715. They became Dukes of Hamilton and Earls of Selkirk in the 17th century, but in 1688 the two titles were split apart, with the Earldom of Selkirk settling on the Duke's eldest brother, not his son.

Hence Lord James's dilemma. It will have been made more difficult for him by the great affection he had for his uncle George, the last Earl of Selkirk, who died last week. But if there is one thing that is clear from the family's complex history, it is that they have always understood that politics takes precedence over sentiment. Yesterday Lord James would only admit to "two or three seconds of mixed feelings" to set against 300 years of history, and underlined the words duty and loyalty in his handwritten statement. His ancestors, for whom power and influence were always important, would probably have condoned the decision.

But they would have been amazed at the extent to which the aristocracy has lost its grip on public life in Scotland. The days when the peerage and gentry dominated local politics are over. Even the boards of Scottish companies boast few titled directors. Only the quangos and voluntary bodies under the patronage of the Secretary of State now draw on names once synonymous with power. That may be because the Scottish aristocracy has become steadily more anglicised, tending to educate its children in England and to seek employment in London. Of the nine Scottish dukes, six went to Eton and only two were educated in Scotland.

Perhaps, however, it is their survival that is remarkable. Despite the cost of maintaining huge estates and crumbling castles, despite inheritance taxes and hostile governments, the great names of Scottish history remain, often still living on the same tracts of land. They have survived by adapting to circumstance, marrying into new money, setting up trusts, carving out niches in the City or letting out the sporting rights on their heather-clad hills. Their tenacity is remarkable.

And every now and then, as in the case of disclaimed Earl of Selkirk, history taps them on the shoulder and reminds them that heredity still has a walk-on part in the harsh world of politics.

More tax please, we're winning

Tim Congdon argues that control of debt reduces the need for taxes in the long run

Sustainability was the key word in the two Budgets of 1993. To be more precise, the purpose of the large tax increases announced last year was to ensure that Britain's public finances would be sustainable over the long run. The ratio of public debt to national income had to be prevented from rising indefinitely into the future.

Never-ending rises in public debt are potentially catastrophic. As debt expands faster than national income, so also does the interest that the government has to pay on the debt. Debt interest is part of public expenditure, and sooner or later has to be covered by taxation. Higher taxes are bad for the economy, because they discourage saving and deter effort.

If a government pig-headedly follows a path of financial irresponsibility, and allows extra debt interest to increase budget deficits, the situation can spiral out of control. Extra debt interest means a larger budget deficit this year, which increases the size of the debt and the burden of debt interest next year, and the extra debt interest and enlarged budget deficit next year increases the size of the debt and the burden of debt interest in the following year, and so on.

Debt interest becomes a Frankenstein monster with a life of its own, no longer connected with the initial decision to borrow. Because budget deficits increase interest payments and interest payments also increase budget deficits, the explosion in public debt is self-feeding. Debt interest acquires its own dynamic, an urge to expand without constraint.

Eventually, the budget deficit, bloated by a high level of public expenditure in general and debt interest in particular, cannot be financed except by printing money. Excessive monetary growth then causes accelerating inflation. In extreme cases (as in Ukraine today), when confidence in the government's financial probity has collapsed, the outcome is hyperinflation.

Of course, no British government wants this to happen here. In fact, since the shambles of the mid 1970s, when public sector borrowing rose above 10 per cent of national income and inflation exceeded 25 per cent, governments have on the whole been careful to manage the public finances properly. The Callaghan Labour

Government in its final years and the present Conservative Government have both been concerned to maintain long-run fiscal sustainability.

The benefits of this approach are shown in the accompanying table of international comparisons. In only two of the 18 industrial countries listed is the ratio of gross public debt to gross domestic product lower in 1994 than in 1979. The first is Norway, helped by revenues on North Sea oil profits which have been huge relative to the rest of its economy. The second is the United Kingdom. In all 16 other cases, public debt is higher in relation to GDP now than 15 years ago.

To some extent, Britain's performance, like Norway's, has reflected the accident of North Sea oil. Since 1979, cumulative tax revenues from the North Sea have been substantial: well over 20 per cent of 1994's gross domestic product after inflation adjustment. If it had not been for this piece of good fortune, and if taxation and public expenditure had been the same as in practice, the British ratio of public debt to national income would have climbed from 35 per cent in 1979 to perhaps 65 or 70 per cent today. Nevertheless, Britain has done relatively well.

Crucial to the favourable outcome were the large tax increases in the 1981 Budget and the Thatcher Government's efforts throughout the

1980s to curb public spending. One point must be heavily emphasised. Unless they are later rescinded, tax increases in any one year reduce the budget deficit, and hence the growth of public debt and debt interest, over all future years. Strange though it may sound, the tax increases introduced by Sir Geoffrey (now Lord) Howe in the 1981 Budget — which amounted to 2 per cent of gross domestic product — are probably now keeping taxes lower than they would otherwise have been.

The explanation is simple. If the interest rate on the national debt were zero and the growth of national income is ignored, a 2 per cent increase in taxes (and hence reduc-

tion in the deficit) in 1981 would reduce the ratio of debt to income by 26 per cent after 13 years.

But in the real world the interest rate is positive. The long-run advantages are therefore greater, because debt interest is saved by the lower level of the debt-to-income ratio in all succeeding years. With an interest rate of 10 per cent (similar to that prevailing over the period), it can be shown that by 1994 the reduction in the debt-to-income ratio due to the tax increases in the 1981 Budget was almost 50 per cent!

This result may make you blink, but it is correct. If taxes had not been raised by 2 per cent of GDP in 1981, and given the same taxes, public spending and other key economic variables in the period 1981-94, Britain's ratio of public debt to national income would today be not a satisfactory 50.5 per cent, but more than 100 per cent, as in Italy. Public debt would actually be greater than national income.

Difficult though it may be now to remember, Britain and Italy were bracketed together in the mid 1970s as the financial delinquents of the industrial world. Despite all the bricks thrown at the Conservatives' economic policies, their control of public finances is a genuine and solid achievement. Further, these rigorous budgetary policies will in the long run keep British taxes below those of

Italy and other European countries.

This is clear if we recall that over 13 years the 2 per cent rise in taxes in the 1981 Budget has cut the debt-to-income ratio by 50 per cent. With an interest rate of 10 per cent, debt interest, and so the required level of taxes, is lower by 5 per cent of GDP. So this saving in public expenditure and taxation exceeds the original tax increase. By extension, given the future path of public expenditure on items apart from debt interest, a consistently smaller budget deficit always leads to consistently lower future levels of public expenditure. Paradoxically, the higher taxes are set in the financial years 1994-95 and 1995-96, the lower they need be in the long run.

So the heavy tax increases in the two Budgets of 1993 were right, just like the tax increases in 1981, they ought to rescue Britain from the international trend towards ever-rising public debt. But there is also a wider and perhaps more controversial message.

Unless the Government is absolutely confident that the debt situation is sustainable, all tax cuts are foolish. Mr Clarke has wisely resisted the calls from some right-wing MPs for tax cuts in today's Budget. He would also be justified in making a stand against tax cuts in the Budgets of 1995 and 1996 if he remains Chancellor. It is a pity that politics and so-called "electoral pressures" are likely to intervene.

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THE DEBTORS' GALLERY

	Ratio of gross public debt to GDP (%)	Change from 1979 to 1994
1979	1994	
Greece	27.6	109.5
Belgium	75.2	148.3
Italy	61.5	118.3
Sweden	39.8	92.9
Canada	43.8	92.2
Spain	18.5	64.2
Portugal	25.7	70.6
Finland	14.4	58.0
Denmark	27.0	68.5
Netherlands	42.0	80.9
Japan	47.0	79.4
USA	37.2	64.2
France	31.4	57.2
Germany	30.8	53.7
Austria	36.0	58.5
Ireland	71.0	87.7
UK	34.9	50.5
Norway	22.9	48.0

Source: OECD Economic Outlook, June 1994

In the red

AFTER being made a Cardinal in Rome at the weekend, Thomas Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow, was interested in only one thing — how his team, Celtic, was going to perform in the Coca-Cola Cup Final.

He was on the blower from Rome to a BBC newsroom just a day after his elevation to become the third Cardinal in Scottish history. With no access to television or radio where he was staying, he

had to find out the result as it was happening — and he must have been hoping for divine intervention.

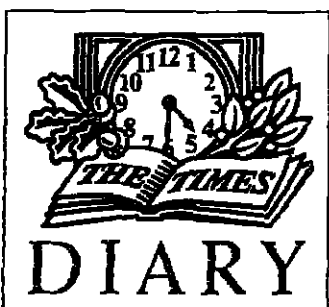
Nervous minutes ticked by as the fanatical Celtic supporter was connected. The receptionist put him through to the newsroom. The score against Raith Rovers was two-all, he was finally told. And there was a penalty shoot-out to come.

Rory Matheson, producer of *Good Morning Scotland*, spoke to the Cardinal. "He came on the line while the match was on. He sounded very nervous. He wanted to know if there was any possibility of us talking him through the match. I told him how the match had gone and then put him on to another reporter who walked him through the shoot-out.

"The Cardinal was biting his nails the other end. He seemed very worried about the result. Our reporter tried to tell him that Raith were a strong team, but that didn't cut much ice. He wasn't very happy with the result." Raith Rovers won the penalty shoot-out, 6-5.



Winning: on a loser



● A noisy evening in store in London's Savile Club next week. A centennial cake will be held to commemorate one of the most raucous members ever: Robert Louis Stevenson. "One member used to wear ear muffs if Stevenson was in the same room," explains club historian Tony Garrett Anderson.

Harvest time

IN a rare move for any politician of his rank, the Agriculture Minister William Waldegrave has taken it upon himself to canvass on behalf of someone outside politics.

He has been saying that the Order of Merit, one of the highest accolades in the land, should go to

the historian A.L. Rowse. The death of the scientist Professor Dorothy Hodgkin in July created the vacancy that he hopes Rowse will fill. Only 24 places exist and Professor Hodgkin was one of only a few women — with Florence Nightingale and Lady Thatcher — to hold the honour.

Waldegrave is impassioned in his support and feels that nonagenarian Rowse "has never received the honour that he deserves". Rowse is modestly itself. "Well, you have to remember that I am rather politically incorrect. I have some-

times found myself out of step with the times. I was against appeasing Hitler, you know."

Cutting style

THERE MAY be surprises in store in today's Budget, but Kenneth Clarke's sartorial style is unlikely to shock. The Hush Puppies will be worn, and he is toying with the idea of a tie most commonly associated with grumpy stairs. Aides have given up trying to bring a semblance of order to bear.

"I don't think he has decided himself yet what suit he will wear. It is most likely to be crumpled and the smart money is on the Garrick Club tie," says one. The Chancellor is not planning to dispense with traditional style altogether. He has chosen a fine single mail, Glen Fargus, to sup through his speech.

Wave theory

ENGLAND's cricketers might learn a thing or two from the Navy. At the annual dinner at Lord's last night of the First Sea Lord's Cricket XI, there was talk of a variation on the game: Flight Deck Cricket. This is played in rolling seas on a 40ft by



Dancing numbers: a scene from *The Sleeping Beauty*

40ft steel pitch with a ball made of rags and sticky black plastic. "We use this ball so that it doesn't disappear over the side," explained one officer. "I once played in the South Atlantic in a heavy swell. The England team should sign on for some lessons from us. They look all at sea."

Cash dance

SATURDAY'S production of *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Royal Opera House could well see a rush from the auditorium at the first interval. Nothing to do with the production starring Sylvie Guillem.

which I am assured is first-class. It's simply that the opera house will put up a blackboard in the foyer with the winning number of the National Lottery on it.

Timing could be tricky. The first interval falls just as the lottery numbers are announced, and the opera house is bracing itself for a stampede. "It would be far better just to put the number up on the screen they use for the surtitles," said one seasoned operator. "It would probably wake up some of the older members of the audience."

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OBITUARIES

THE EARL OF DERBY

The Earl of Derby, MC, died yesterday aged 76. He was born on April 21, 1918.

AS BEFITTING one bearing a famous sporting name the 18th Earl of Derby was a man with wide sporting connections himself. He was president of the Professional Golfers Association from 1964, a past president of the Jockey Club and patron of the Derby Awards made annually to outstanding racing personalities by the Horserace Writers' Association.

The family name is deeply enshrined in English turf history. Its greatest race takes its name from the 12th Earl, both the Derby and its fillies' counterpart were conceived at a party at his house (named the Oaks) near Epsom. As the 6th Earl of Rosebery wrote later: "Seldom has a carouse had more permanent effect." The Oaks was first run in 1779, and won by Bridget, owned by the 12th Earl, and the Derby followed in 1780.

Arguably an even more significant contribution to racing history was made by Lord Derby's grandfather, the immensely popular, generously built and genial 17th Earl. Between 1910 and 1945 his horses won no fewer than 20 classics (including the Derby three times). He also had an indelible influence on British bloodstock breeding, with stallions such as Chaucer, Swynford, Phalaris and Hyperion and brood mares including Canterbury Pilgrim, Gondolette, Selene and Scapa Flow.

This was certainly a hard act to follow. And although the 18th Earl of Derby continued to support the Turf (notwithstanding the fact that he sold the stable at Stanley House, Newmarket, in 1976), success with the famous colours "black, white cap" came, sadly, not within a distance of his grandfather's.

Edward John Stanley was the son of Lord Stanley (who died in 1938) and Sibyl Louise Beatrix Cadogan, elder daughter of Henry Arthur, the



late Viscount Chelsea and Lady Meux. Educated at Eton and Oxford, he served throughout the Second World War in the Grenadier Guards, winning the MC in 1944.

He left the Army as a major in 1946 and succeeded to the title on the death of his grandfather in 1948. In that year, Alycidon, the last great horse

bred by the 17th Earl, was second in the St Leger, and the following season was unbeaten in five races, including the stayer's "Triple Crown" of Ascot Gold Cup, Goodwood Cup and Doncaster Cup.

It seemed as if the family racing fortunes were to continued, for, in addition, a further colt that Lord

Derby had inherited called Swallow Tail was a very easy winner of the 1949 Chester Vase, a traditional trial for the Derby. In a tremendous finish to the Epsom classic itself the following month, however, Swallow Tail, after briefly leading and then suffering what appeared to be interference, was run out of it by Nimbus and Amour Drake with the photo showing only a margin of a head and a head separating Lord Derby's runner from what would have been a famous victory.

Swallow Tail later won the King Edward VII Stakes (a race formerly called the Ascot Derby) at Royal Ascot, was fourth in the St Leger and, exported to Brazil, was a great success there as a sire.

In the seasons that followed, no other horses of Lord Derby's came so close in a classic and, in fact, more than 35 years elapsed before he bred and owned a winner which gave him a substantial reward. This was the outstanding gelding Teleprompter, shrewdly and boldly campaigned over several seasons both here and abroad by his talented Yorkshire-based trainer Bill Watts.

In 1983 Teleprompter won the Britannia handicap at Royal Ascot; the following season at Phoenix Park, Dublin, he took the first of his two Pacemaker International Stakes, followed by events at Deauville and the Curragh, winding up as champion miler in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot.

The year 1985, however, saw Lord Derby's crowning triumph — in the Arlington Million at Arlington Park, Chicago. The purse for this alone was £17,241, and the prime contribution to a total which reached more than £650,000 as a result of Teleprompter's splendid career total of no fewer than 11 victories.

Between Alycidon and Swallow Tail in 1949 and Teleprompter, Lord Derby's most important successes were in the St James's Palace Stakes with Tudor Treasure (1961); Doncaster Cup with Entente Cordiale (1955);

twice in the Princess of Wales's Stakes with Dogger Bank (1949) and Wake Up! (1957); the Jockey Club Stakes with Alcide (1966). Alycidon was the grandsire of Alcide, as well as the sire of Lord Derby's filly Alcove which won the Cesarewitch in 1960 and the Goodwood Stakes the following season.

Lord Derby's trainers, apart from Bill Watts, included the late Jack Wans, his father, as well as Walter Earl, Bernard van Cusem, Sam Hall and Doug Smith (all now deceased) and John Winter.

Aside from racing and other sporting activities, Lord Derby maintained a strong connection with the Territorial Army. He commanded a battalion of the King's Regiment, TA, 1947-51, and from 1951 to 1967 was the regiment's honorary colonel. From 1955 to 1990, he served as an honorary captain of the Mersey Division, Royal Naval Reserve.

Other local regiments with which he had a close connection were the Liverpool Scottish Regiment, TA, of whose first battalion he was honorary colonel, 1964-67, and the Lancastrian Volunteers of which he was honorary colonel, 1967-75. He was chairman of the North West of England and Isle of Man TAVR Association, 1979-83.

In the North West, where the family seat, Knowsley, lies, he was active in many other spheres of public and academic life. From 1964 to 1971 he served as Pro-Chancellor of Lancaster University, and academic honours bestowed on him included honorary doctorates of law from both Liverpool and Lancaster universities. He was president of the Merseyside and District Chamber of Commerce and an Alderman of Lancashire County Council from 1968 to 1974. He was also Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Lancashire, 1951-68.

He married in 1948 Lady Isabel Miles-Lade, who died in 1990. He is succeeded by his nephew Edward Richard William Stanley.

GEOFFREY FLAVELL

Geoffrey Flavell, thoracic surgeon, died yesterday aged 81. He was born on February 23, 1913.

GEOFFREY FLAVELL was a renowned London thoracic surgeon and former senior surgeon in the department of cardio-thoracic surgery at the London (now the Royal London) Hospital. He was a New Zealander by birth, coming from Dunedin to St Bartholomew's Hospital for his medical training. He qualified there in 1937. Within four years he passed the fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons and became a member of the Royal College of Physicians, being elected to its fellowship in 1973.

During the Second World War he was a surgical specialist in the RAF serving in the Middle East. At the end of the war he retired with the rank of wing commander and subsequently became surgical adviser in thoracic surgery to the Royal Air Force.

He trained at the Brompton and London hospitals, was appointed to the staff of the latter and served as a consultant thoracic surgeon to the North East Thames Regional Health Authority. He was also invited on to the staff of the Royal Masonic Hospital to inaugurate thoracic surgery there. He is remembered as a surgeon with superlative surgical panache who completed operations in half the time it took many of his contemporaries.

A film taken of him correcting an oesophageal abnormality for teaching purposes was once previewed by his staff. With such dispatch did he perform the operation that they had the impression that

the film was being shown in fast motion and not projected at the normal speed.

He did not suffer fools gladly and detested having his time wasted. Consequently, he was not a committee man nor much involved in medical politics. However, when towards the end of his career because of his seniority he was required to chair the London Hospital surgical divisional meetings, his efficiency, command of language, quick thinking and incisive mind ensured that business was concluded swiftly.

Alongside his career in thoracic surgery, Flavell had many interests: architecture, art, history and a knowledgeable enjoyment of wine and food. To foster these he travelled to many parts of the world, but an appreciation of his many talents is not complete without recording his literary ability. Many articles on thoracic surgical topics flowed from his pen as well as two books, one on the oesophagus and the other *An Introduction to Chest Surgery*, both very informative and easy to read.

He was a traditionalist with a dry sense of humour. Not opposed to innovation he furthered thoracic surgical knowledge and technique, but he considered well established methods preferable to some so-called advances. When the fibre optic bronchoscope was introduced, partly replacing the rigid instrument, his colleagues remember him disdainfully referring to it as an illuminated piece of spaghetti.

He was married to Fan (Joan Margaret, née Adams) who survives him and was his loyal companion for over half a century.

PADDY CHRISTIE

Paddy Christie, FSA, archaeologist, died in Royston, Hertfordshire, on November 4 aged 69. She was born at Ambala, India, on February 26, 1925.

THERE is a long-standing British tradition within which Paddy Christie stood four-square: that of the archaeological wife — and mother combining the happiest of family lives, a circle of devoted friends, and complete femininity — indeed, in her case both elegance and charm — with an entirely professional career in the field.

In her chosen area, the Bronze and Iron Ages of later prehistory, Paddy brought a rigorous discipline to everything she tackled. Fluent French allowed her to keep abreast of relevant continental writings and she travelled extensively. She published works on the complex burial-mound ritual and construction of the British Bronze Age, and the pre-Roman Iron Age in the South West. At a time when many were being decoyed into the heady world of



Paddy Christie standing in the partially excavated barrow at Crig-a-Mennis, Perranporth

theoretical archaeology, it became even more important that fresh evidence was sought under controlled conditions. To such tasks, and always demanding more of herself than of others, she brought decades of effort.

Gahan was the daughter of a colonel in the Indian Army. Born in India at Ambala, north of Delhi, she returned to England and after the usual round of boarding schools she attended Princess Helena College, Hertfordshire, where she originally planned a

career in music and dancing. Her parents retired to Cornwall where, after her father's death, she and her mother settled at Cranstock, near Newquay, a district she was later to explore in other ways. Trained as a Whitehall secretary, by 1943 she found herself in the Foreign Office and then M16, working with the interrogators of French refugees, real or supposed.

After VE-Day, she went to Paris, where there was a further spell at the Dutch desk; but in 1947 she left to join Unesco, a fledgling UN organisation with Julian Huxley at the helm. In this more congenial world she was shortly in the museums section, alongside another archaeologist, Jacqueline Hawkes, subsequently the wife of J.B. Priestley.

After an initial training at the Ecole du Louvre she returned to England, married her long-time friend and ardent suitor, Duncan Christie, and at the same time, in 1951, began a technical conservation course at the Institute of Archaeology, London, then at St John's Lodge in Regent's

Park under Gordon Child. Practical experience followed. She dug with Mortimer Wheeler at Stanwick, North Yorkshire, the huge Festival of Britain showpiece site. Most unusually as a non-graduate she was then permitted to take the institute's two-year diploma in European prehistory. Her first major solo excavation was of Liskey Barrow, Perranporth, a few miles from Cranstock.

Other such tasks were entrusted to her, culminating in a long campaign at the remarkable Carn Euny Iron Age village and underground "fogou" in west Cornwall, where interpretation and the eventual reconstruction were not made easier because of a number of previous, less skilled diggings.

In 1969 she was elected to fellowship of the Society of Antiquaries, and between 1973 and 1976 served as president of the Cornwall Archaeological Society. Her proven skill in disentangling fragmentary evidence was shown again when she took on the thankless task of publishing, from a daunting mass of contemporary notebooks, the late C. K. Croft Andrew's many wartime rescue excavations of Cornish barrows. For this she was recently awarded her PhD by the University of London.

During her Paris years, with Mediterranean holidays, Paddy Christie happened to be in Athens. She saw an excavation there and a fortnight later wrote to herself "I am going to be an archaeologist". If her life was a triumphant realisation of that dream, it was also a measure of her determination. She kept archaeology in perspective with a keen sense of the ridiculous, and a most engaging manner. Friends will still remember her in Cornwall with couture profuseness, gardening gloves and a medley of hats, always bringing a certain style to digs.

She is survived by her husband and by their son Michael, a geologist in Australia.

ARCHBISHOP RIVERA Y DAMAS



Arturo Rivera y Damas, Archbishop of San Salvador, died after a heart attack on November 26 aged 71. He was born in San Esteban Catarina in central El Salvador on September 30, 1923.

THREE years elapsed after the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador before the Vatican, in March 1983, named Arturo Rivera y Damas as his successor. Even while running the archbishopric in an acting capacity as Apostolic Administrator, however, Rivera y Damas became a human rights figurehead, if not the leader of his country's Church.

This was at the height of the conflict between the right-wing military junta ruling El Salvador and dissident left-wing guerrillas which resulted in an estimated 50,000 deaths over a 12-year period. Shrugging off concerns for his own safety Rivera y Damas courageously used his sermons to condemn abuses, whether they were meted out by right-wing death squads, left-wing guerrillas or the Army.

Arturo Rivera y Damas was ordained in 1953 and appointed a bishop seven years later. He played an influential role at a meeting of the Latin American Bishops' Council at Medellin in 1968 at which the participants clearly identified their spiritual mission with the social and political needs of their communicants. He became an auxiliary bishop of San Salvador in 1977.

Oscar Romero had been an outspoken champion of the poor and the oppressed, and had been shot dead, almost certainly by right-wing extremists, as he was saying Mass on March 24, 1980.

The delay by the Vatican in naming Rivera y Damas as Archbishop was seen as an indication of Pope John Paul II's disquiet at the involvement of priests in political affairs and a reflection of the

opposition to his appointment among the more conservative elements of the Church in El Salvador, which continued to side with the established order.

Rivera y Damas proved to be less openly provocative than his predecessor but never shirked playing an active role. He ran an organisation called Tutela Legal which carefully monitored every reported "disappearance" and helped families to trace their missing relatives.

A grave-feared man, he attempted to take a middle-of-the-road position politically and, when the guerrillas boycotted elections, he accepted the validity of the new government led by President José Napoleón Duarte which then came to power.

Although Rivera y Damas called the enforced misery of El Salvador's poor "a situation of sin", he sounded less like a social crusader than Romero. A year after Romero's death, Rivera y Damas earned the wrath of leftwingers by pointing out the guerrillas for causing more hardship than right-wing terrorists, and said that, as a result, they were losing popular support. He contended that the social and agrarian reforms carried out by Duarte's government had further weakened the cause of the Left.

He saw it as his responsibility to act as an intermediary between the two sides in the civil war. He constantly urged both the government and the guerrillas to choose dialogue rather than violence as the means to resolve their differences and served as a mediator at the first peace talks held in 1984. When the peace process stalled he became the target of rage and abuse from the country's guerrilla right wing, particularly when it was felt that he had failed to be sufficiently enthusiastic in condemning a massacre of 13 people including four American Marines, which appeared to be the work of the guerrillas. But Rivera y Damas never flinched from what he regarded as his pre-eminent duty.

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Gateway to Asia opens wider

As Pakistan's Prime Minister visits Britain, Peregrine Hodson reports on the country's programme of reform and market liberalisation

Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, is visiting Britain at a time when her country's economy is entering a new and radical stage. A year after its election, the government of the Western-educated Miss Bhutto is pursuing a vigorous programme of reform and market liberalisation.

Heavy debt, domestic and foreign, is an obstacle. But the budget deficit has been trimmed from 9 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) to 6 per cent, the economy is being deregulated, and public-sector companies — controlling power plants, banks, gas and telecommunications — are being privatised.

Pakistan has already received \$5 billion in direct investment and, with Morgan Stanley as lead manager, the Asia Development Bank has set up the Pakistan Development Fund, recently listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The International Monetary Fund points to Pakistan as a success story among developing countries.

Modernising the infrastructure of the country is a top priority. Ninety-eight per cent of Pakistan's foreign trade passes through Karachi. Another port is needed. At present, cargo takes 15 days by single-track railway from Karachi to Peshawar in the north. With dual track, the time could be cut to three days.

The opening up of Central Asia presents special opportunities for Pakistan. The region's vast reserves of oil and gas will need to be transported — to Iran and the Gulf, or through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea.

Already, important road-building projects to link up with Central Asia have been started and, to deal with the expected increase in trade and shipping, the deep-sea harbour at Port Qasim, 30 miles southeast of Karachi, is being upgraded.



Benazir Bhutto addresses a rally: overcoming a huge debt burden and modernising Pakistan are priorities for her government

Plans exist for another deep-water port at Gwadar, in Baluchistan.

In the short term, however, serious power shortages threaten the country's economic development, and the government has set up a \$20 billion energy development programme, to double power-generation capacity by 2000. More than half the costs will come from private-sector investment in coal and hydropower-generation plants, and in oil and gas exploration. The government has already attracted \$8 billion of private foreign investment in coal development.

Pakistan's economic development also faces other difficulties. Its population growth rate of 3 per cent is one of the highest in the world, while its literacy rate, 26 per cent, is among the lowest. The government recognises these problems, and has focused on family planning and education in its social-welfare programme.

Even so, changing the country's traditional tendencies in favour of large families and against women's education may not be easy. The

government is encouraging smaller families through media campaigns, mother-child healthcare and the use of contraceptives. The target is 45 per cent literacy in five years' time, and universal primary education by 2000.

However, in the world's increasingly competitive markets, Pakistan has a considerable advantage: its labour is cheap. Almost half the workforce is employed in agriculture, which is still the backbone of the economy, contributing 24 per cent of the GDP. Cotton is the main export crop.

In manufacturing, the dominance of the textiles and food-processing industries reflects the importance of agriculture in the economy, although there is a growing emphasis on engineering and on the machinery, automobile and chemical industries. During the last two years, investment in manufacturing has grown at a rate of 22 per cent.

The government is taking radical

steps to attract foreign investment. Share profits can be repatriated, and foreign exchange can be brought into the country and taken out without limit. Intriguingly, the Ministry of Information says that "no questions will be asked about the sources of availability of foreign exchange", a policy which is probably directed towards expatriate workers, whose remittances account for almost half of Pakistan's foreign-exchange earnings.

For the moment, the number of foreign subsidiaries in Pakistan is still relatively small. Out of 30,000 companies nationwide, 500 have foreign capital, although multinationals such as Unilever, Shell, Philips, Wellcome and ICI have had a presence in Pakistan for many years.

The country's uneasy relationship with its neighbour, India, means that a large part of the budget is spent on defence that might otherwise go towards improving the country's infrastructure. However, if the issue of Kashmir is resolved and tension

with India is reduced, Miss Bhutto's authority will be enhanced, laying the ground for a virtuous circle of political stability and increased foreign investment.

Pakistan's GDP is \$50 billion, with exports of \$6,755 million and imports of \$8,504 million. It is among the top seven fastest-growing economies in Asia, with its GDP expected to grow annually at more than 6 per cent, and is becoming a credible economic player in the region.

In contrast with Iran, its strongly Islamic neighbour, Pakistan is a moderate Muslim state, influenced by Western culture through its experience of British imperial rule. The professional classes all speak English, and are well-informed internationally.

From the time of Alexander the Great, for more than 2,000 years, the country has been a meeting ground between the civilisations of Europe and Asia. As the millennium approaches, it will be an increasingly important gateway to the markets of Central Asia.

Privatisation is on the move

Zahid Hussain reports on the selling programme of state-owned enterprises

PAKISTAN'S privatisation programme is now moving along fast after being held back in the slow lane for more than a year. The political turmoil in the country, which saw four changes of government in 1993, almost brought the process to a halt, but since the election in October of that year which returned Benazir Bhutto to power, her government has picked up where her predecessors left off, and accelerated the process.

Since 1990 more than 90 industries and two commercial banks have been successfully privatised. The Bhutto government has now opened the doors for the privatisation of some giant public-utility and infrastructure corporations.

An important step in that direction was the floating in August and September of 12 per cent of the shares of Pakistan Telecommunication Corporation, in the country's largest-ever public offer. Three per cent of the shares were sold in the domestic market, and another 9 per cent of the equity was offered to overseas investors. "The sale of the PTC shares has raised a record \$1 billion (£600 million), and clearly indicates the confidence of investors in PTC," says Waqar Masood, a senior official in the Finance Ministry.

The government plans to sell off a further 25 per cent of the shares to a strategic investment company or consortium by March 1995, and the public will be offered another 25 per cent. "We hope to raise a total of \$12 billion to \$15 billion from the divestment of PTC," Mr Masood says.

Next in line are the sales of two power plants and state-owned oil and gas companies. At least one 400-megawatt power plant, in Kot Addu, in southern Punjab, is likely to be privatised by the end of this year.

"Our privatisation programme is running ahead of schedule," says Naveed Qamar,

chairman of the Privatisation Commission of Pakistan. "The process of privatising Pakistan Telecommunication Corporation and other public-utility enterprises is likely to be completed by the end of the current financial year in June."

Pakistan's return to a policy of privatisation, which was begun five years ago with the country's return to democracy, has changed the economic scene. The loosening of government control over the economy has resulted in a boom in both domestic and foreign investment.

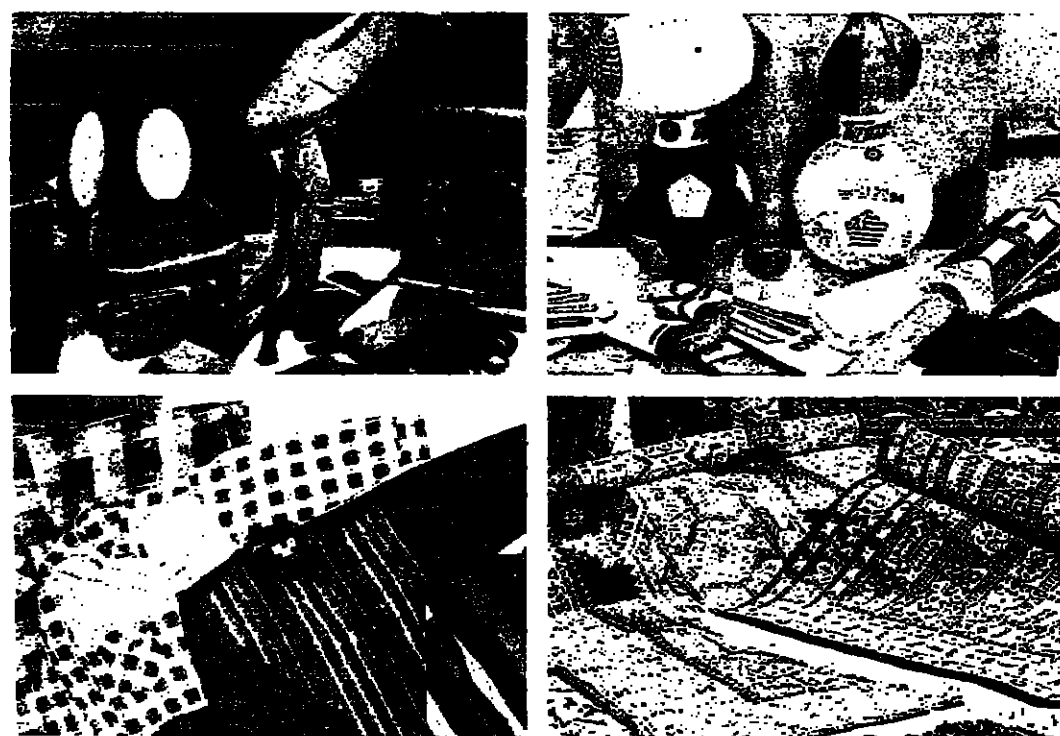
The stock markets have seen unprecedented growth over the past few years. "The impact of privatisation and the transfer of management is visible in increased production and profitability," says Yasmin Lakhani, president of the Karachi Stock Exchange.

The success of the privatisation programme holds the key to the future of Pakistan's economic development, and also to much-needed financial stability. Privatisation has not only spurred investment. The revenue generated by the sale of public-sector enterprises may also help to reduce its debt.

The government expects to raise around \$25 billion (£16 billion) through the privatisation of the telecommunications, oil and gas corporations, and of power plants. "The proceeds from the privatisation of three major public-utility enterprises are likely to exceed our total domestic debt, that stands around 700 billion rupees (£15 billion)," explains a Finance Ministry official.

The main question being debated in Islamabad is how the proceeds from divestment of state-owned enterprises should be used. The government has not so far produced a clear policy. But most officials contend that it is in the long-term economic interest of the country that the funds be used to diminish the heavy domestic and foreign debt.

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Investment 'gold rush' brings in £10 billion

Foreign investors pledge more cash in 12 months than in past 47 years

Pakistan, too, has had its share in the great investment rush to South Asia. This year it has signed investment contracts worth more than \$16 billion (£10 billion) with various American, Hong Kong and South Korean firms.

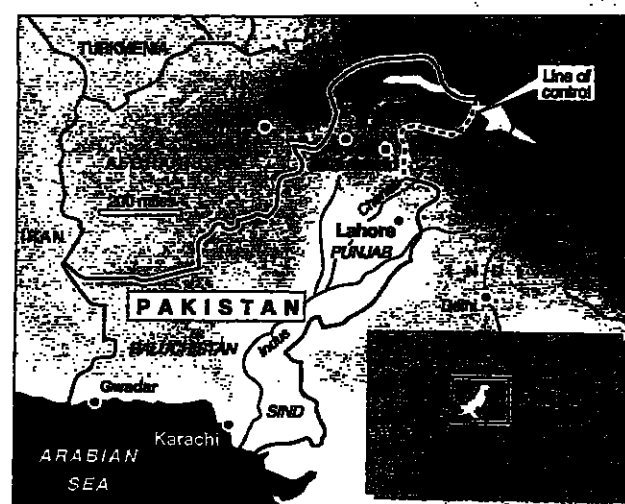
And the investment explosion does not stop there. Teams of British and French businessmen are expected to visit Pakistan next month to negotiate investment in a number of industrial and infrastructure joint ventures. So with billions of dollars of investment in the pipeline, Pakistan has become one of the leading recipients of foreign funds in South Asia.

"The promised inflow of foreign capital over the past year far exceeds what Pakistan has received over the past 47 years in the private sector," says Shahid Hasan Khan, special assistant to Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister.

Private foreign capital started trickling into Pakistan after the liberalisation and deregulation of the economy in 1991, mainly through investment in the stock market. These liberal economic reforms offered a lucrative package of incentives to foreign investors. They allowed foreigners 100 per cent ownership of the equity of a company, and exempted them from listing on the stock exchange if their equity exceeded 50 per cent. They also allowed the free repatriation of profits.

"The liberalisation of the economy has made Pakistan much more attractive for foreign investment," explains Farrukh Khan, chief executive of BMA Capital Management, one of the country's leading corporate brokerage houses. "Pakistan has established itself as a major emerging market."

Altogether more than \$1 billion (£600 million) of foreign funds has been invested in Pakistan's stock market over the last three years.



Besides portfolio investment in the stock market, there has also been a marked increase in project investment by multinationals. According to the Overseas Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the cumulative inflow of foreign direct investment in Pakistan from 1942 to 1990 was \$2.5 billion (£1.6 billion), but since 1991 the average yearly inflow of foreign capital has been \$350 million (£210 million).

In 1993-94 the inflow of foreign capital outside the stock market increased to \$550 million. Most of these investments were in chemicals, pharmaceuticals, energy, consumer products, banks and financial institutions, the car industry and transport.

There are good reasons for the inflow of foreign investment," says Nasir Ali Bukhari, a leading broker. "Pakistan is among the eight countries in the world offering the highest rate of return on investment."

The floodgates of overseas funds have really been opened this year, however, since the Bhutto government announced an active energy poli-

cy. Faced with a huge shortfall in power supply, Pakistan has offered a guaranteed high rate of return to attract private investment in power plants.

The announcement of the energy package was made in February, and since then Pakistan has seen an explosion of foreign private investment. A 1,200-megawatt power plant at Hub, near Karachi, a joint venture between Xcel Industries of Saudi Arabia and National Power of the United Kingdom, is being completed with an investment of more than \$2.2 billion (£1.3 billion); and American busi-

nessmen who accompanied Hazel O'Leary, the US Energy Secretary, to Pakistan in September have signed 16 investment contracts amounting to \$4.5 billion.

Three weeks after that Gordon Wu, the Hong Kong tycoon, announced an \$8 billion energy investment package. Mr Wu will build a 1,600-megawatt power plant on the Baluchistan coast. "The Bhutto government has caught the wave by adopting the right policy at the right time," says Khurshid Haqi, a leading economist.

The macroeconomic stability achieved by Miss Bhutto's government has been another factor in improving the investment climate. The government's tight monetary policy helped bring the budget deficit down to 5.8 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) last year from the previous figure of 9 per cent. The government is committed to reducing it further to 4 per cent of GDP in the current financial year. There has also been a great improvement in the foreign exchange reserves.

"These healthy macroeconomic indicators have earned Pakistan a clean bill of health from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and boosted investors' confidence in Pakistan's economy," says Waqar Masood, a senior Finance Ministry official.

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Reforms fuel boom in share prices

Zahid Hussain examines the growth of the stock market after economic changes

Since the liberalisation of the economy, Pakistan's stock market has seen a phenomenal growth in market capitalisation and the listing of companies. There has been an unprecedented boom in share prices, which shows the impact that the economic reforms have had.

Pakistan is one of the first of the emerging markets to open its stock market to international investors. The reforms announced by the government, mostly in 1991, which provided among other things for the relaxation of foreign-exchange controls, allowing foreigners to invest in local stock exchanges and to repatriate profits, have contributed to the exceptional growth of the Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE).

There are altogether three stock markets functioning in Pakistan, but the Karachi exchange accounts for 94 per cent of the trading. "The opening of the stock market to foreign investors is the main reason for the growth of the KSE," says Nasir Ali Bukhari, a leading stockbroker.

Over the last three years there has been an almost sixfold increase in market capitalisation, and an almost threefold growth in the daily turnover of traded shares. The market capitalisation at the KSE, which stood at 68 billion rupees (£1.3 billion) in 1991, has risen to over 388 billion rupees (£7.5 billion) this month, and the daily turnover to 8.5 million shares compared with 3 million three years ago. The foreign portfolio investment, which is around \$1 billion (£600 million), is a relatively small part of overall capitalisation, but it has greatly boosted confidence in the market.

A significant development is that foreign brokerage houses have also entered the stock market, in collaboration with local brokers. That

has helped to introduce the latest financial technology. "A new corporate culture has emerged in the stock exchange," Mr Bukhari says. "The corporate membership in KSE has now increased to 15."

The government privatisation programme has been another factor in spurring trading in the stock market. "The privatisation policy has given a new dimension to stock-market activities," says Yasin Lakhani, president of the KSE. "The privatised companies are being listed at the stock market, and it is open to foreign investors."

More than 700 companies are listed at the KSE. With giant utilities like the telecommunications, gas and oil corporations in the process of disinvestment through public floating of the equity, the stock exchange is likely to continue its growth.

Modernisation is being carried out at a slow pace, however, and that is a drawback in handling the enormous growth of the stock markets. Some leading brokerage houses believe that the market is not properly equipped to deal with the huge inflow of domestic and foreign funds. "Lack of computerised trading presents a major problem in the development of the stock market," Mr Bukhari says.

KSE officials say that a new central depository will be set up next year. "The central depository would eliminate the physical transaction of shares, and the chances of fraud," Mr Lakhani says.

The KSE also recently made a move to provide wider information on the share market, by setting up a Teletext service on a special television channel. "Now people can trade in shares by just picking up the phone," Mr Lakhani says.



A dentist goes about his trade on the roadside: Karachi has a population of more than 10 million and is among the 20 most populated cities in the world

From a small, sleepy port city in the days of the British Raj, Karachi has grown today into a megalopolis where life moves fast and street violence has become a norm. More than 65 per cent of Pakistan's industries, and 80 per cent of its finance, banking and business, are concentrated in the city, and people come to it from all over the country to find jobs and fulfil their dreams, Zahid Hussain writes.

It is a city which has enriched many, but has also shattered many dreams. Massive marble houses and high-rise buildings coexist with large slum areas without civic facilities. Pent-up political, ethnic and socio-economic frustrations often find expression in violence and, like any big city, Karachi has a high crime rate. But none of these has reduced its zest. Karachi remains Pakistan's most vibrant and thriving city.

It was once the capital of the country and is Pakistan's only cosmopolitan city in the true sense of the word. More than 90 per cent

City of riches and shattered dreams

Life on the streets of Pakistan's most vibrant and thriving city

Some government reports suggest that Karachi has more than one million illegal foreign residents. The immigrants tend to establish their own colonies, named after the place they come from. "There is a Punjab colony, an Amroha colony, a Hyderabad colony, a Burmese colony, a Bengali colony and an Afghan colony," says one journalist. "Anything you have seen on the map is right there in Karachi."

The unabated influx of illegal immigrants has largely contributed to the increasing social and ethnic tension, which often flares into violence. "More than 50 per

cent of the crimes committed in the city involve immigrants," says a senior police official. The government has cracked down on the foreigners and taken measures to stem their inflow, but long, porous borders make the task difficult.

At the same time, new social classes have emerged in Karachi as a result of the rapid industrialisation and commercialisation of the last four decades, and they, together with the diverse ethnic population, have influenced the city's politics. That has created a marked contrast with the largely feudal-dominated politics of the rest of Pakistan.

Karachi has a literacy rate of over 70 per cent, as against Pakistan's average of 26 per cent. It has a large population of working women. These factors have brought about a different social outlook and consciousness which have made Karachi the most progressive city in the country.

Karachi is also one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. In 1947, when Pakistan came into existence, just 100,000 people lived there. In 1950, its population of one million was half that of Birmingham and one-ninth of that of London. It now has a population of more than 10 million, and is among the 20 most populated cities in the world.

With its population increasing at a rate of more than 5 per cent a year, Karachi is likely to double its inhabitants to 21 million in 15 years. "Karachi will rank as the fifth largest city in the world, after Tokyo, São Paulo, Bombay and Shanghai," says Dr Mehtab Karim, a leading sociologist.

Agriculture employs 50 per cent of the working population and is a top export-earner, but its growth is stunted by the country's continuing feudal system



Ploughing with oxen in the Bumboret Valley. Lower-priced tractors are being offered

Ploughing in the country's wealth

Despite the significant diversification that has been achieved during the last four decades, the agricultural sector has remained the backbone of Pakistan's economy. It is not only that farming contributes an estimated 24 per cent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP); it is also that it employs half of its labour force. Cotton, rice and other agricultural products are the main source of Pakistan's foreign-exchange earnings.

However, the concentration of agricultural land in the hands of a few landlords, and the perpetuation of a feudal system, have stunted the growth of the farming sector. In addition, the wide network of canals, which has remained the main source of irrigation for the land for almost 70 years, is decaying because of a lack of investment.

The agricultural sector has recorded a growth rate of 2.6 per cent this year. This is higher than in the previous two years. However, during

this period there has been a fall in the all-important production of cotton. A shortfall of more than four million bales was caused by a viral attack on the crop, and this has been damaging for the economy as a whole.

"Hitting the target of a 7 per cent growth rate in the GDP in the current year will largely depend on the cotton crop," says a senior Finance Ministry official. Cotton is Pakistan's biggest export, and the country's huge textile industry is dependent on it.

There was also a fall last year in the production of wheat, which is Pakistan's main staple food, as a result of a protracted dry spell. The government had to import more than one million tonnes of wheat to meet its domestic requirements.

In earlier years the country had achieved self-sufficiency in food, but because of higher population growth and lower agricultural productivity it has lost that advantage. Some economists maintain that a prin-

cipal reason for the shortfall in wheat production is that farmers have greater incentives to cultivate cash crops like sugar cane.

Many new sugar factories have been set up during the past few years, and that has led to the conversion of land from wheat to sugar cane cultivation. To stem the trend, the government has put a ban on the establishment of new sugar mills and raised the procurement price of wheat.

By contrast, rice, which is Pakistan's largest export after cotton, has recorded a consist-

ent rise in its productivity. A bumper rice crop in the current year has helped to increase exports. According to a government study, there has been an increase in rice production during 1994 of more than 28 per cent.

The Bhutto government has given a higher priority to the agricultural sector. To increase productivity, it has announced several incentives for farmers. It has substantially increased the procurement price for both wheat and rice, and provided soft credit for small farmers. To encourage

the mechanisation of farming, it has allowed tractors to be imported duty-free, and farmers will be able to pay for them in easy instalments.

These incentives may help to improve farming conditions, but most economists agree that Pakistan needs radical reform if it is to increase agricultural productivity. Without eliminating the feudal hold on agriculture, it cannot hope to bring about a revolution in that important sector.

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Early departure of top regulator will embarrass Government

Carsberg to resign as head of OFT

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

SIR Bryan Carsberg, Britain's top business regulator, has resigned suddenly from his post as director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, less than halfway through his initial five-year term.

The former accountancy professor has agreed with the Department of Trade and Industry to serve six months' notice before taking up a post of far less power as secretary general of the International Accounting Standards Committee. The IASC is a voluntary body that encourages harmonisation of accounting regimes in different countries by drawing up model standards.

The rapid departure of the senior regulator is likely to prove an embarrassment to the Government at a time

when consumer groups are increasingly calling into doubt its dedication to competition beyond the utility sector.

The announcement of Sir Bryan's move was posted to journalists from the IASC over the weekend after speculation in *Accountancy Age*, the professional weekly, it caught most people at the Office of Fair Trading by surprise.

Sir Bryan was not available for comment yesterday. He has been busy completing his advice to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, on whether to refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission either of the takeover bids by GEC or British Aerospace for VSEL, the warship builder. After rushing out a short statement to OFT staff, he left for a two-day business visit to Paris.

In his message to staff, Sir Bryan said his period at the OFT since June 1992 had been "stimulating" and implied that he was moving for positive rather than negative reasons. In the IASC announcement, he said that global capital markets and the spread of multinationals created a need for common accounting rules. "I am delighted at the prospect of contributing towards this objective."

As the first director-general of telecommunications, from 1984-92, Sir Bryan was the pioneer utility regulator and was respected for his adept use of limited powers to force competition into the market. He was the natural choice to

succeed Sir Gordon Borrie, who had been director-general of fair trading for 16 years.

Since joining the OFT, he has made a series of references to the Monopolies Commission over allegedly excessive prices and restrictions of supply that stifled competition. In the high profile cases of compact discs and perfumes, however, the MMC ruled that industry practices were not against the public interest.

Sir Bryan has insisted that he had no quarrel either with the DTI or with the commission, which has consciously followed the more industry-friendly policies advocated by Mr Heseltine. He may, however, have been frustrated by his lack of power to make rulings compared with his previous role at OFT.

He will join the IASC in May, five months after David Cairns, the present secretary-general, leaves after ten years in the job. Mr Cairns's intention to go was announced six months ago.

The move to the IASC will have held more appeal to Sir Bryan than is obvious to non-accountants and is something of a coup for the accountancy body. He is unusually qualified for the job. Early in his career, he held a senior post at America's Financial Accounting Standards Board before teaching accounting theory at the London School of Economics. He was also vice-chairman of the UK's Accounting Standards Board.

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Sir Bryan Carsberg: moving to work on harmonisation of accounting regimes

Leading broker fined by SFA

By JON ASHWORTH

ONE of the best-known names in stockbroking has been left reeling after a sweeping clampdown by City regulators. Peter Durlacher, whose cousin, Nicholas, is chairman of the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe), has been fined for breaking capital adequacy rules at his stockbroking firm, Durlacher & Co. He is one of five individuals to be fined in the latest assault by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA).

The action is particularly embarrassing to Nicholas Durlacher. Not only is he chairman of Liffe and a director of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Futures, but he happens to be a director of the SFA. The original Durlacher firm was the most respected of stock jobbers in the City of the 1950s and 1960s. Wedd Durlacher, as it came to be known, merged with de Zoete and Bevan and Barclays merchant bank to form BZW in the run-up to Big Bang.

Durlacher & Co, a medium-sized broker formed separately by Peter Durlacher, has been fined £25,000 for breaking capital adequacy rules on eight occasions in 1992 and 1993. Mr Durlacher, who is chairman, has additionally been fined £5,000; as have two former colleagues, David Tabizel and Tom Scrase. Two further individuals, Douglas Braddock and Craig Thomson, have been fined £10,000 and £5,000 respectively. The SFA has taken the unprecedented step of warning Mr Braddock that he will be struck off the register if he is found guilty of misconduct again.

The fines mark the latest in a wave of actions by the SFA, which is responsible for regulating nearly 40,000 individuals at 1,400 stockbrokers, market makers and other investment firms.

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New issue blow

Confidence in the new issues market suffered another blow after United Carriers Group, the parcels and freight distribution company that was floated in March at £13p, issued its second profits warning in six months. Page 27, *Tempus* 28

Ford motors

Ford is joining other multinationals by reinvesting in South Africa. Ford is paying an undisclosed amount for a 45 per cent stake in the South African Motor Corporation, which makes Ford, Mazda and Mitsubishi cars locally. Page 31

Improved bid hopes lift VSEL shares

By GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in VSEL rose 15p to £15.35 amid expectations that GEC would soon raise its cash bid for the company to as much as £16 a share in an effort to defeat British Aerospace in the battle for the Barrow shipyard.

Both GEC and British Aerospace have offered £14 a share. British Aerospace also offered a paper bid of 33 of its shares for one of VSEL's, while GEC's bid is all in cash. The City is confident that Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, is intent on delivering the final blow, probably after the Budget. GEC has strengthened its hand by telling the Ministry of Defence that it is prepared to guarantee the future of its Yarrow shipyard, on the Clyde, for at least seven years if its bid for VSEL is successful. This rebuts claims by British Aerospace that if GEC were to be allowed to take over VSEL, it would close the Yarrow yard.

The market expects GEC to raise its bid by December 7, the deadline for the Office of Fair Trading to recommend either bid for referral to the Monopolies Commission.

Yesterday, GEC said it had extended its existing offer for VSEL to December 12. GEC also said that, aside from the 14.99 per cent of VSEL shares it already owns, it has acceptances amounting to 0.91 per cent of VSEL's shares. The VSEL board has advised shareholders to take no action on either bid.

Clarke expected to curb spending

Shares rise on Budget hopes

By JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

SHARES and government bonds moved higher amid confidence that today's Budget will produce deep cuts in public spending and a much lower forecast for government borrowing.

The FT-SE 100 index, helped by a solid rise on Wall Street and by a firm futures market, closed 13.6 higher at 3,047.1. Gilt-edged issues moved more than a quarter point higher, buoyed by hopes of a Budget which is tough on spending and borrowing and which is also likely to downgrade forecasts for inflation.

Sterling trod water but its trade-weighted index closed a touch firmer from Friday's 79.8 at 79.9.

Trading was inevitably quiet as traders kept their powder dry for the Budget. There was also some nervousness about the vote on the European Union finance Bill late last night although indications during trading were that



The Chancellor: firm line

Euro-sceptic opposition to the Government had crumbled.

News yesterday that mortgage lending by the major British banks had slowed to £1.54 billion in October from £1.74 billion in September and £1.62 billion last October had little impact. The British Bankers' Association said seasonal factors did not appear to be responsible for October's lower figure and that the figures mirrored the slow-

down in mortgage lending seen in building society figures last week.

However, Tim Sweeney, director general of the BBA, said October's lower figures may reflect the fact that September was a relatively good month, and not the impact of September's interest rate rise.

The quiet confidence in the financial markets yesterday reflected a broad consensus on the overall shape of the Budget, with large cuts in public spending control totals and a much lower projection for the path of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in the next two years.

That would be particularly supportive for gilts and the Bank of England signalled its expectations of a positive reaction to the Budget by announcing the issue of £800 million of new tranches of existing bonds to be available for dealing today.

The pound is expected to rally if, as expected, the Chancellor raises the current official growth forecast of 2.75 per

cent. There is speculation in the City that it could be raised as high as 3.5 per cent although there is also a view that the Treasury will publish a more modest figure of 3 per cent.

There was some speculation yesterday that Kenneth Clarke may go even further than the markets have discounted on the spending side, announcing "real" cuts rather than reductions in control totals made possible by lower inflation and higher growth and a cut in the contingency reserve. Another eye-catching possibility might be an extension of the 20 per cent lower income tax band to help those on low pay.

There was fevered talk in the equity market that Mr Clarke may introduce changes in capital gains tax to encourage institutions to invest longer-term, a measure called for by, among others, the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors.

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Power link in Ireland reinstated

By MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

PEACE in Northern Ireland has allowed the province's privatised electricity company to reinstate the cross-border power link with the Republic. Northern Ireland Electricity has been evaluating the need to repair and reopen the interconnector, out of service since 1975 because of paramilitary action, and now says the link with the Electricity Supply Board in the Republic will be back in service by the end of March.

Detailed trading arrangements between NIE, privatised in 1993, and the Board are still to be finalised, but both companies are promising "small, but nonetheless real" savings to their customers. The City, which believes the interconnector offers NIE good export prospects long-term, reacted by marking the shares up 5p to 362p.

The total cost of repairing the interconnector is likely to reach £1.2 million.

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Halifax discounts MMC delays

By ROBERT MILLER

ADVISERS to the Halifax Building Society said last night that a full-blown Monopolies Commission inquiry into its proposed merger with the Leeds-based Halifax Building Society would not unduly alter the timetable of the deal.

The Office of Fair Trading confirmed that it is still investigating the merger but had not yet decided whether it would make a formal recommendation to Michael Heseltine, the President of Board of Trade, for an MMC inquiry.

Leif Mills, the general secretary of Bifu, the finance union, yesterday called for an MMC inquiry to examine the creation of the new bank following the Halifax and Leeds merger. This would create an entity with assets of £90 billion. Bifu believes the merger could cost thousands of jobs with hundreds of branches being closed. Mr Mills said: "The creation of new banks responsible only to the fickle, short-term views of institutional shareholders in the City

of London would be a setback for accountability."

Yesterday, Jon Foulds, Halifax chairman, briefed City analysts. John Franklin, of Fox-Pitt, Keltom, said: "Jon Foulds said he was aware that the proposed merger could be referred to the MMC but hoped it would not. He also said that he believed the future emphasis of the merged entity would be for a far wider range of savings products for depositors, rather than home loans. He added that the cause of mutuality was becoming more difficult in that it was harder for customers to distinguish between their rights as customers on the one hand and as owners of the assets on the other."

Bifu believes that a green-light for the Halifax-Leeds merger will "spark merger mania among the big societies as they try to get bigger... A big shake-up in the building society sector will leave the customer with far less influence and far less choice."

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Late burst keeps shares ahead in thin trading

SHARE prices and government bonds appeared to be in a confident mood before today's anxiously awaited Budget speech from the Chancellor.

This confidence was no doubt reinforced by a lively start to trading on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average opened more than 20 points higher, having apparently thrown off last week's fears about higher interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index, which had shown signs of running out of steam after lunch, put in a late burst to close 13.6 up at 3,047.1. Predictably, turnover was thin ahead of the speech with just 395 million shares changing hands. Only a few brave investors were prepared to open fresh positions.

Among leaders, BTR held steady at 285p ahead of a presentation being made by Norman Ireland, chairman, to the Society of Investment Analysts today. BTR has been a dull market of late, with brokers uncertain about the group's strategy for earnings growth over the longer term. Many of them are hoping that he will take the opportunity to clear up any worries they may have.

The banks managed to claw back some of Friday's falls that greeted the news of the proposed merger between the Halifax and Leeds Permanent Building Societies. Brokers fear that the merger mania is likely to promote increased competition at a time when the housing market remains depressed. Abbey National rallied 5p to 412p, TSB Group 9p to 227p, Northern Westminster 4p to 504p and Lloyds 3p to 567p.

One bank that is reckoned to have less of an exposure to the housing market is Barclays Bank, which stood out with a rise of 10p at 597p. The shares are also finding favour with the chartists at present, amid the belief that the price is due for a bounce.

The drinks sector closed mixed as traders took the view that the Chancellor is unlikely to bow to recent pressure from the brewers and cut the duty charged in today's Budget in order to stem the tide of cheap beer from the Continent. Bass firm 5p to 531p, and Scottish & Newcastle 7p to 507p, but there were losses for Whitebread, 2p to 540p, Youngs Brewery, 5p to 478p after going ex-dividend, and



Chris Masters, chief executive of Christian Salvesen

Guinness, 3p to 453p. Allied Domecq was a firm spot, adding 10p to 563p on reports that it is close to disposing of its seafood operation.

Tottenham Hotspur responded to the news that it was to be included in Saturday's FA Cup third round draw with a rise of 15p to 138p. But it will have to wait until next week, at the earliest, to

Racal Electronics shrugged off recent lethargy with the shares rising 1p to 229p. In recent weeks, the price has traded as low as 210p with at least one market-maker known to have had a bad position in the shares. Now that this position has been unwound, brokers hope further headway in the price can be achieved.

discover if it will be allowed to take part in the competition. Tottenham was originally suspended from the FA Cup and docked six points in the Premier League by the Football Association at the start of the season after being found guilty of making illegal payments to players.

Merrydown, the cider-maker, fell 4p to 85p after a flat set of first-half figures showing

pre-tax profits down from £932,000 to £340,000. Brokers said the group's performance fell short of expectations after margins again came under pressure. Brokers are expected to downgrade their profit estimates for the full year.

United Carriers, the road transport group floated in March at 153p, touched 75p before ending the session 15p

lower at 70p after rattling the City with its second profits warning. The first was in May, just two months after flotation. The group says that pre-tax profits in the second half will fall below those achieved during the first six months. It blames a sharp increase in volumes at Carpet Express which have put margins under pressure and hit opera-

ting profits. Meanwhile, Michael Howe, managing director, has resigned while Doug Rogers has been appointed chairman in succession to Allan Binks who remains chief executive. United Carriers is the latest in a long line of recently floated companies to issue profit warnings.

Williams Holdings held steady at 348p after emerging as the bidder for Angus, the protection subsidiary of BBA Group. Williams is paying £80 million for the business acquired by BBA from the Guthrie Corporation in 1988.

Williams said it was confident of meeting its target for 1994 in spite of some tough trading conditions. Nigel Rudd, chairman, admitted that raw material costs were under pressure. BBA, which plans to use the proceeds from the sale to reduce debt, firmed 3p to 203p.

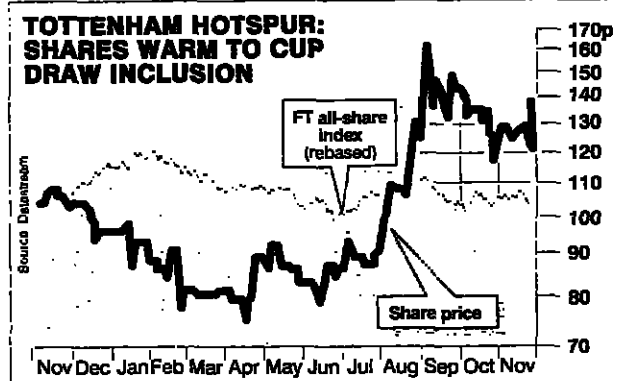
Christian Salvesen slipped 1p to 274p after reporting half-year figures unchanged at £41.1 million, while European Motor Holdings firmed 3p to 124p after hoisting pre-tax profits in the first six months from £2.6 million to £3.89 million. But news of losses at the halfway stage left Hadleigh lower at 115p.

GILTED-EDGED: Gifts were squeezed higher ahead of today's Budget in thin trading. Much of the action took place in the futures pit where the December series of the long gilt future climbed 1 1/2 to £103 1/2 as 53,500 contracts were completed.

Gains were also recorded in the cash market helped by evidence of bear closing at the longer end. The Bank of England took the opportunity to issue further tranches of existing stock totalling £800 million. These included £200 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2000, £200 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2003, £200 million of Treasury 10 1/2 per cent 2001 and £100 million of Treasury index-linked 2 1/2 per cent 2016.

In long, prices closed below their best with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 1/2 higher at £105 1/2, while at the shorter end, gains were restricted. Treasury 9 1/2 per cent 1999 firmed three ticks to £104 1/2.

NEW YORK: Wall Street shares remained higher at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average added 24.22 points to stand at 3,732.50.



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: SHARES WARM TO CUP DRAW INCLUSION

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LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA (London 6.00pm)

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GAS OIL (London 6.00pm)

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Chancellor's day of reckoning

TAX	SITUATION NOW	WHAT THE EXPERTS PREDICT	WHAT HAPPENS
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DUTIES Petrol Diesel Gas Electricity Water Council tax Housing benefit Council tax benefit Universal credit	128.75p per gallon 150.80p per gallon 125.33p per gallon £1.55 on 20 kingstons £2.05 on 25 grammes 86.3p on a pack of 5 23.2p per pint £1.01 on a 75cl bottle £5.50 on a 70cl bottle 22p per litre £2.07 on a litre	Chancellor almost certain to raise almost all duties in line with inflation, except those on drinks, as failure to do so would cost around £1.8 billion in lost revenue. Beer duty could, however, be reduced and whisky duty frozen. On road fuels, the rise will be at least 5% over the rate of inflation. If the Chancellor wants to appear green, he will announce an even greater increase. There is a commitment to increase tobacco by 3% over the rate of inflation	
VAT Standard rate Reduced rate Zero rate Exemption	17.5% 8%, rise to 17.5% in April 1995 already announced £45,000	No change Chancellor seems obdurate on higher rate for fuel No increase in threshold expected and no measures on VAT relief for small business	
BENEFITS Single person Family credit Child tax credit Working families tax credit Child benefit Housing benefit Council tax benefit Universal credit Child tax credit Working families tax credit Child benefit Housing benefit Council tax benefit Universal credit	Single person £57.80 £34.50 £30.25 £10.00 Eldest child £10.20, each other child £9.25 £45.45 £52.50 gross earnings (£195 or more), £47.80 (£58-£194.99) £44.55 Maximum 100% of rent	Indexation of state pension and child benefit expected in line with inflation rate in. Also unemployment benefit, maternity allowance and sick pay. Income support, housing benefit and family credit to be updated by formula giving a rate of 1.8%. Chancellor to give further details of Job Seekers Allowance	
PSBR Current account Government deficit Government surplus	and 1994 2%, and 1995 2.75 per cent 1994 3.50%, 1995 3.00%	City economists expect a lower 94/95 PSBR than the Treasury. For 1995/96, it is also being more optimistic than the Chancellor, with a forecast of £23 billion. On inflation for this year, the City is looking for a rate of 2%, but for next year, it is predicting 3.3%. Growth in 1994/95 is expected at 3.5% and at 5% next year	

When Kenneth Clarke rises to his Hush Puppy-shod feet today, he has to deliver a package that will boost the Tories' low rating in the polls. But he has little room to manoeuvre. We look at his options, leaving you space to make your own record of the Budget

BUSINESS LETTERS

Captains of industry connive at decline of British carmaking

From Dr Ben Wood
Sir, Sir Bryan Thwaites's letter on "The insensitivity of senior industrial management" echoes the feelings of many professional people who deplore this lack of leadership by so many "captains of industry".
Watching the demise of the motorcycle and then the car industry in 1960s Birmingham I asked an industrialist friend why the managers did not stand up to the workforce whose tool makers, for example, on unofficial strike, had immobilised Longbridge for six months. He replied: "We can only do this when we have three million unemployed, old boy". So there we have it.
Having connived at the decline in the British car industry these people add insult to injury by using expensive foreign cars with no show of guilt or sorrow.
Even the much maligned medical consultant has to show leadership by getting out of bed every so often to help the juniors in tricky situations at night.
Yours faithfully,
BEN WOOD,
3 Kingsfield,
Longbridge for six months, Hampshire.

Rates policy in 1932 gave three lucky years

From Professor L.S. Pressnell
Sir, The normally high quality of Anthony Harris's contributions prompts this comment on his curious version of interest rate policy in 1932, in attempted illustration of certain investment risks (November 23).
Holders of the gilts converted in 1932 — 5 per cent War Loan 1929-1947 — did well. Issued in 1917 below par, with a generous yield, given the wartime circumstances, it had kept close to par from 1929 in anticipation of early repayment.
Repayment was offered in 1932 at par, with the alternative of a new 3 per cent stock at par, plus a bonus of £1 per £100 of stock. Coming three years after (not before, as Mr Harris states) the first date, 1929, open to the Government, can that be said to have "stuck" other than a large capital loss? So far from imposing also an "income penalty" for those

three lucky years holders had continued to benefit from the original coupon of 5 per cent, excessive anyway after the substantial postwar deflation of prices, and more so in the economic depression from 1929. Indeed, the 3½ per cent coupon, guaranteed for at least twenty years, on the new conversion stock ranked in security as good as or better than anything else available (Mr Harris inaccurately gives the old stock a 4 per cent coupon, and the new a coupon of 2½ per cent).
Most holders chose to convert, rather than to take cash. They were to have a tolerably good run until 1949. It is difficult to follow either Mr Harris's deduction that there was something for "the Treasury to live down", or the lesson which he sought to draw.
Yours faithfully,
L.S. PRESSNELL,
Boundary House,
St Stephen's Hill,
Canterbury

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Been there, done that

CHANCELLORS of the Exchequer must relish Budget day when the spotlight falls on them alone. The traditional walk in St James's Park, the privileged tittle of whisky in the House, the photo-calls on the steps of Number 11 — each is part of the rich tapestry of office. But how do former Chancellors spend the day that once was theirs? Lord Lawson says he will be spending it like a normal human being. "I'll probably follow the Budget on television," he said, recalling one Budget when "to the consternation of my PPS Peter Lilley, I mislaid a whole page during a particularly complicated part. But I managed to speak from memory". In his first year as Chancellor, Lord Lawson drank a traditional whisky, the following year he took up a soft drink, and latterly water. "Water is best and more sensible. Keep the drink till later," he suggests. Lord Jenkins will be travelling back from Italy. Lord Healey will be "out of town". John Major, fleetingly a Chancellor, will, we know, be at Kenneth Clarke's side. Lord Howe, whose dog, Budget, was sadly run over, but who still has the dog given to him while Foreign Secretary and aptly named Summit, will be en route to America on legal business. And the reply from Norman Lamont's office was a frosty "he doesn't want to reply to that sort of a question", which could be shorthand for "he has other things on his mind".



Healey: out of town

Trusty trust

THE Princess Royal Trust for Carers has become the first charity to gain BS 5750 registration, which signals to corporate donors that it is efficient, competent and that money donated reaches the cause for which it is intended. Sir Iain Vallance, the trust's chairman, was presented with the certificate yesterday.

Taking no chances

CHRISTMAS party invitations are arriving thick and fast, but top this, from merchant banker Goritzki Thompson & Little, of Toronto, for festive spirit: "Please be advised that for security reasons you will be required to submit to a metal detector and/or physical search on your entry in order to ensure the partners' safety. It's been a tough market".

Drinks all round

MEANWHILE, a moral dilemma looms tomorrow. FR group Financial Dynamics' festive party for hawks clashes with Incheape's Falshaw Award evening, at which the Gnome Trophy for the winner of the darts match is given and a presentation is made to the stock market writer of the year in memory of the famed Tony Falshaw, who died five years ago. FD's Nick Miles says a drink with him first and then on to the Falshaw bash, at which funds will be raised for the British Heart Foundation, would not offend.

City security ring becomes cast in stone

Jon Ashworth explains why the Square Mile's roadblocks are here to stay

Drive around the borders of the City of London, and you will notice something curious: the red and white barriers that sprang up in the wake of the Bishopsgate bombing of April 1993 are slowly being removed. The bad news — for taxi drivers and deliverymen, at any rate — is that the so-called ring of steel is still very much in place. The plastic barriers and heavy wooden beams are being replaced by concrete pavements and bollards. The ring of plastic is turning into a ring of stone.
Precisely why the security cordon is to become a permanent feature is a matter for debate. The authorities talk of a sharp drop in crime and lower pollution, but are hard pressed to find statistics to back up their claims. The Corporation of London admits that much of the evidence is anecdotal. It is said that theft of scaffolding from building sites has fallen dramatically. The police say it was never a problem in the first place. It is also said that there have been no armed robberies in the Square Mile since the checkpoints went up. Wrong again. They still happen, but infrequently.
General levels of crime have fallen since the cordon was installed in July 1993. But statistics show they were in decline anyway, falling 10 per cent in 1992, before the City was sealed off. Whatever the trend has continued, with crime falling 17 per cent in 1993, and a further 16 per cent in the first six months of this year.
Perhaps the most controversial statistic relates to journey times and traffic congestion. The City authorities insist that journeys take a couple of minutes longer at worst. Anyone who has been caught in the horrendous logjam that usually develops around the Aldgate roundabout will dispute this. Traffic entering from Docklands is channelled towards the Embankment or up towards Hackney, clogging peripheral routes. The number of vehicles passing through the City has stayed constant at about 250,000 a day. The difference shows on routes such as Holborn Viaduct, where the daily number of

6 Cameras are being installed in about 30 one-way streets

vehicles has risen from 10,100 before the cordon was installed to about 14,500.
The City planners use a computer model to predict traffic flows and look for ways of beating congestion. They claim to have a solution to the Aldgate nightmare — traffic lights. Unfortunately, this would require the co-operation of neighbouring Tower Hamlets, which is more concerned with its own problems.
Meantime, the cordon grows more permanent by the day. Remote-controlled cameras are being installed in about 30 one-way streets leading out of the City to catch anyone who tries to beat the roadblocks by driving in against the traffic flow. A bank of 36 television screens is monitored around the clock at Wood Street police station. It is possible to follow a stolen car from point to point, zooming in on the driver or number plate and snapping stills. Split screens are used to monitor several different locations simultaneously.
Michael Cassidy, police chairman at the Corporation of London, fiercely defends the need for a permanent cordon. He says it was intended as a radical solution to a whole set of problems, even if concerns about security were the catalyst. "We went to the Prime Minister on the Wednesday after the bombing at a time when the police had no power to strip and search," he recalls. "We were given an amber light to achieve what we could under local powers. By the beginning of 1994, we had persuaded the local boroughs to remove their objections, and are now able to go ahead as a permanent scheme."
Pavements are being extended across former roadways to replace the plastic barriers. The one-way-street cameras are new, and cameras at police checkpoints are being equipped to pan, tilt and zoom. The police continue to use rolling roadblocks, setting up spot checks at random.
Mr Cassidy insists the cordon has been a success. "It has worked as a security ring. There has been a reduction in crime and pollution." Just don't ask your taxi driver for his opinion.

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Ulster peace dividend for smaller companies

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE Irish peace process has brought increased pledges of aid for small businesses in Northern Ireland and the Republic. The money is provided through the International Fund for Ireland, which has supported nearly 3,000 projects since it was established by the British and Irish governments in 1986.

The European Community, which is currently contributing 15 million euros (£12.2 million) to the fund, will provide 20 million euros in each of the next three years. New Zealand has also promised to step up its aid, and Australia has indicated that it will contribute £5.7 million (£3.4 million) over the next five years. The US will increase its annual payment to the fund from \$20 million to \$30 million in 1996 and 1997. Canada is also on the list of donors.

With secretariats in Belfast and in Dublin, the fund aims to promote employment and to encourage reconciliation. It has invested about £220 million so far in Northern Ireland and the six northern counties of the Republic.

About 75 per cent of the money goes to Northern Ireland, and jobs are being created in an area of high unemployment. Latest figures for Northern Ireland show 12.7 per cent unemployment.

The fund has provided workspaces and facilities for small businesses on 37 sites. David Crabbe, of the Belfast secretariat,

says: "Promoting and regenerating local economies brings communities together. We work with local authorities and the Enterprise Development Unit, but the impetus must come from the community itself. The vast majority of people have always wanted a better and more peaceful environment. We hope to facilitate that by channeling resources in a localised way."

The fund hopes to encourage exports and to promote cross-border trade. Mr Crabbe says: "There is an untapped market, especially in sending goods from north to south."

The aim is to allow the local communities to operate their own projects, but the secretariats are available to give advice and help.



"Oh yes, I've created jobs - the trouble is I have to do them all!"

Learning the hard way

BY SALLY WATTS

AS A teacher, Geraldine Bown used to wonder if life outside her comprehensive school might offer more. When her husband, Ian Hopkins, set up a management consultancy she began freelancing for him, writing learning and training manuals.

After five years and two children, she decided to become self-employed, finding her own clients who wanted instructional materials and training programmes. It was 1984, and her first clients came through Open Tech, run by the old Manpower Services Commission.

She began by giving the local manager of National Westminster Bank a list of her start-up requirements: stationery, business clothes, and computers to transform a room of her home at Shephed, near Loughborough, into an office. The cost would be £5,000.

The manager asked about her plans. After 15 minutes, he admitted he did not know what she was talking about, but felt she would succeed. He approved the loan and would see her again in six months.

By then she expected - wrongly - to be able to repay the money. But the manager wanted to know if she was securing contracts, which she was. She now realises, she says, that this is the banks' main concern, and that they want borrowers to manage accounts properly and keep their bank informed. So her policy is to repay, borrow again and report progress, downs as well as ups. She grew the

business, Domino Consultancy, handling management issues, training both trainers and staff and preparing computer instruction material so that, with short sentences and emphasis on key points, it is easy to follow. "The worst thing you can do is to get experts to write the manual - it won't be user-friendly," she says.

Clients include the Automobile Association, Marks and Spencer, and Barclays Bank, for which she has designed and produced recruitment literature for a telephone banking service.

In 1988, Domino became a limited company. Ms Bown took part in networking, exhibitions, public speaking and also produced a quarterly newsletter. A major activity is to advise on women's work issues. She has just ended two years as president of the European Women's Management Development Network; she runs workshops, has written three books on women into management, and was featured in a BBC video on transferring home skills to the work place.

Recession struck late. Domino's best year, 1992, was followed by its worst. Turnover was £650,000, but a slight loss was incurred. To combat this, Ms Bown moved back from business premises to two converted garages at home and switched most of her professional staff to self-employed associates. She says: "We now have a better way forward."



Geraldine Bown reports progress - downs and ups - to the bank

BRIEFINGS

Fresh initiatives are being drawn up by the European Commission to help small and medium-sized businesses to obtain finance for investment. The Commission already supports proposals from senior European bankers, including wider use of the mutual guarantee schemes arrangements fairly common in continental countries, whereby companies form groups to obtain finance collectively. In addition, the bankers suggested that businesses should be helped to benefit from the new European Investment Bank loans and the European Investment Fund, the recently formed agency that provides guarantees and support finance in areas of development within the European Community, including small enterprises. The Commission will report to the Council of Ministers next year.

UCB Bank has introduced an "owner-occupier" mortgage that allows small businesses and professional practices to use premises to raise finance of up to £1 million for the purchase of property, expansion or refinancing of debt. Details: Shereen Behardien 081-401 4000.

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POP: The real Elton John; Africa in NW1

Rediscovering Reg Dwight

Elton John
Albert Hall

OF ALL the Elton Johns who have paraded in public, the one who sat alone at the piano for the first of these sober career celebrations was the least familiar, yet probably the closest we have ever been to the real Elton.

The 12 shows he is giving in the appropriately muted opulence of the Albert Hall are not so much Elton John unplugged as undressed. In a pink plastic suit, by his own description a "singing Mivvi" but severely underdressed by former standards, he moved with discipline through a massive 28-song, 150-minute review of his quarter century, accompanied only by some unseen synthesizers for the first hour, then by his percussive comrade, Ray Cooper.

The set included some favourite compositions with Bernie Taupin that have not been heard in performance for years. Thus, after the opening "Your Song", we were on a voyage of rediscovery, with a welcome early concentration on 1970's *Elton John* album for "Sixty Years On" and "The Greatest Discovery"

There were trips to *Tumbleweed Connection* for "Talking Old Soldiers" and "Where To Now, St Peter?" and *Honky Château* for "Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters", with only the occasional step beyond the 1970s for a rousing "I Don't Want to Go On With You Like Thai" and "The One".

John plays with perspective and pride, happy to incorporate the new song "Believe" among these earlier glories. We were 50 minutes in before he unlocked a second *bona fide* hit, "Sacrifice", but so powerful were the perfor-

Senegal spice

Baaba Maal
Jazz Café, NW1

MANY years ago, learned arguments raged about the origins of that sure-fire crowd-pleaser, playing your guitar behind your neck. Many thought that Jimi Hendrix invented the trick; then photographs of bluesman T-Bone Walker proved otherwise. Some evidence that this shameless bit of showmanship originated in West Africa emerged on Saturday night, when a two-stringed lute player hefted his archaic (but amplified) instrument — the hodu — up behind his head.

Hendrix. Nothing is quite what it seems in contemporary African music. Baaba Maal's latest album, *Firin' In Fouta*, sounds a perfect fit for the streets of London, yet the music integrates many traditional forms from Maal's home country of Senegal. Two years ago, he played a stunning concert with his full band at this same venue but fond memories still linger of an acoustic album recorded by Maal with the blind singer/

guitarist Mansour Seck. So this was the unplugged set: two acoustic guitars, the hodu, plus percussion and kora — the harp-like particle to that part of Africa.

The focus, however, lay with those stunning vocals. With the leisurely pace of most of the songs, this was an opportunity for Maal to allow the power of his voice to flow, driving home messages about social responsibility or the parlous state of African currency.

Maal has gained in confidence. He talked to the audience in English and delivered each song with regal poise, even dancing during the faster numbers. I would prefer to hear this music singing the shanties of the streets in Senegal. Still, this was close to perfection.

DAVID TOOP

A collage of seven ancient Egyptian artifacts. The top image is a large, ornate necklace featuring a central serpent-headed motif with two heads facing outwards, each with a large eye and a wide, toothy mouth. Below this are six smaller images arranged in two rows. The top row includes a falcon mask with a large, curved beak and a small eye, a baboon mask with a large, open mouth showing teeth and a small eye, and a cat mask with a large, pointed ear and a small eye. The bottom row includes a sphinx with a large, open mouth and a small eye, and two other masks, one with a large, open mouth and a small eye, and another with a large, open mouth and a small eye.

Top: Serpent, Mixtec-Aztec, 1400-1521. Right: Sandstone figure of Miclantecuhtli, Aztec 1300-1521. Small pictures, clockwise from top left: Jade Pectoral, Olmec 1200-400BC; Stone head, Veracruz, 300-1200; Ritual mask, Mixtec-Aztec, 1400-1521; Pot, Isla de Sacrificios, 900-1521.

Take the turquoise mosaic ritual mask, one of the most consummate displays of technical finesse in the show. Commissioned by the Aztec royal court, who alone were wealthy enough to afford the precious green stones, they displayed their masks like large, hairy teeth in a seeming vicious snarl. Mesmerising eyeballs add to the mood of murderous menace. But the butterfly stretched across the cheeks suggests a more gentle order of feeling, and Aztec deity masks were worn by impersonators to celebrate scenes from the creation myth.

Rulers, by contrast, used their privileged status to ensure that art offered them consolation. Among the highlights of the installation is a series of complex images carved for the doorway lintels of a temple from the Maya site of Yaxchilan.

Perhaps the most dramatic shows Lady Xoc, wife of the Lord Shield Jaguar, staring at a serpent's jaws. It should be a moment of danger, but a benign spirit emerges from the serpent's mouth. He is the royal ancestor who bestows legitimacy on the earthly ruler, and Lady Xoc throws back her head in ecstatic greeting.

are not only intact but full of crisp, well-preserved detail. The forms swarm and writhe with the vigour of jungle vegetation. And this sense of irrepressible vitality can be found even in the earliest and smallest exhibits. One pottery head of a female figure might have been made as early as 1500BC. But it is among the freshest and most "modern" images on view. Three faces flow into each other on its diminutive surface, and their spontaneity would have won Picasso's admiration.

No wonder so many Western artists have found inspiration in Mexican work. Looking at the stone mask that gazes out from the Teotihuacan section, I realised why Henry Moore found stimulus in such heads more than 60 years ago. Their spellbound expression helped him to invest his recumbent earth-goddesses with a similar authority.

Even the tiniest carvings displayed here have an inherent monumentality. We have no difficulty in imagining them, magnified many times over, reigning over a grand, mountainous landscape. By bringing them so powerfully to life, this new display augurs well for the shape of the redesigned galleries to come.

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SACHA CRADDOCK

The Aztec preoccupation with violence and death took a gaudy, yet even more implacable form. Seated on a nearby circular plinth is a sandstone statue of Miclantecuhtli, the Aztec lord of death. With folded arms pressing his legs tightly against his chest, this squatting figure may seem peaceful at first. His head, however, is covered in a skeletal mask. He gazes with hollowed-out, empty eyes over the country of the dead. To us, his mask appears calculated to chill. But the truth is that he was bound up with the festivals held in honour of ancestors. They were the source of life, and we should not be too hasty in defining extinction as the dominant Aztec obsession.

So, the borderline between life and death was seen as fragile. The image of a crouching toad on an exquisitely polished carving from Veracruz may look playful enough. Its ritualistic purpose, though, is far more sinister. This beguiling sculpture was used as a mould to make the leather waist-belt worn by players of ball games. They knew, only too well, that the court where games took place was a holy threshold, poised between the earth and the underworld. The belt-wearer was considered to be the link between the toad's navel, waiting to discover if he was about to move on from human to the spirit world. For the player who lost the game could easily find himself sacrificed.

In their present position, ranged along a richly painted wall, these lintel decorations can be seen more easily than their original location would permit. If you peer too closely, your head pierces an invisible light-beam and sets off a noisy, irritating alarm. But these elaborate limestone carvings can still be savoured from a distance, and their generous spacing gives some idea of the architectural function they once served.

In view of the wanton destruction suffered by so much ancient Mexican art, the survival of the objects gathered here seems nothing short of miraculous. The Mayan lintel reliefs

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Paradise Laguna, by Chilean artist Juan Antonio Ballester, is on show at the Chisenhale Gallery in east London until Dec 18.



work by others. Dishwater tea-towels, blankets and fur expand outwards to a "pool" of imagery. The top is covered by a mass of cheap colour, a sea of printed and "ready-made" images. Without the benefit of a viewing platform it is only possible to hover at the edge and look across: the arrangement is reminiscent of massed funeral war graves and fallalysms dismantled banners. In the paintings about AIDS by the artist are also laid here to rest.

**Chisenhale Gallery,
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□ In this unfashionably show, "visionary" paintings and pastels by Ray H. Jones, who is now 90, are exhibited alongside photographs by her one-time companion, Ray Moore. Moore's photographs are so very different and so much about place that even this small tribute

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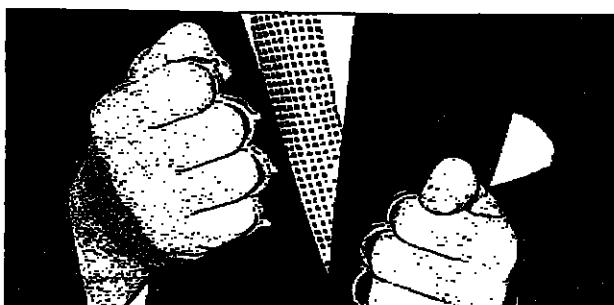
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Contradictory faces of gangland (clockwise from top left): Bill Sikes in Fred Barnard's drawing; the Kray twins; *Oliver!*'s new logo; Baker and Crawford in *Hell is a City*; Attenborough in *Brighton Rock*; and knuckledusters, c.1955



Fraud, glorious fraud

Will a new staging of *Oliver!* cut the cockney capers and reassert Dickens's deeply moral message? Richard Morrison has hopes

Was it the Swing Sixties or the Sunning Sixties? Hard to tell on that riotous night in 1963 when East End gangland and East End showbiz finally merged into one great hard-drinking party. It was the premiere of Joan Littlewood's film, *Sparrows Can't Sing*. During its production there had been trouble on the set, and some one had suggested hiring the Kray brothers to sort it out. After all, the Krays had been "sorting out" the East End, in their own inimitable fashion, since the mid-Fifties.

One thing led to another, and soon a nightclub scene in Littlewood's movie was actually being filmed at the Kentucky Club off the Mile End Road — proprietors Messrs Kray, Kray and Kray. "Funny," quipped Ronnie, "we don't normally allow shooting in here." That was true: knives and knuckledusters were more their chosen tools in the early days.

So successful was the liaison between the East End's rising thespians and its rising thugs that the party after the premiere of *Sparrows* was held in the Kentucky Club. Barbara Windsor was there with Ronnie Knight. So were James Booth, Roy Kinnear, Roger Moore and a host of other showbiz types — while on the Krays' guest-list was Freddie

Foreman, then king of south London's underworld. The social networking must have been a glory to behold.

The only disappointment was that Princess Margaret never showed up. "She missed her chance to meet the only Damon Runyan characters London can provide," Littlewood observed. And that was what everybody thought about the Krays in those far-off, innocent days. Yes, they were "naughty boys". But they knew how to throw a good party. They mixed with glamour, and glamour rubbed off. What's more, dozens of grimy British movies of the period gave the deeds of gangland a seedy celebrity status.

The music for *Sparrows* was written by another quintessential East End character and regular collaborator with Littlewood, a Jewish tailor's son who had started life as Lionel Begleiter. But by 1963 Lionel Bart was immensely rich from the show he had written three years earlier. Called *Oliver!*, it was based on Dickens's *Oliver Twist* — a tale about the East End gangland of a century earlier.

Next week, *Oliver!* receives a new West End production. So perhaps now is the moment to raise a fundamental question about that hugely successful musical. Does it portray the East End of Dickens's novel, or is it closer in spirit to the weirdly amoral, mixed-up postwar East End that Bart himself knew so well?

This is not just a historical query. *Oliver!* is performed in schools more often than any other musical. So it is of some educational interest to consider whether it glamorises criminality — as happened in the Kray era that spawned it — or offers the moralistic lesson about real life on the "cold, wet, shelterless, midnight streets of London" that Dickens intended.

Oddly, when he set out to write *Oliver Twist* Dickens was himself reacting against a literary genre that romanticised villains: the "Newgate novels" of the 1820s. "I had read of thieves by scores ...

but I had never met [except in Hogarth] with the miserable reality," Dickens complained. With *Oliver Twist* he declared intention was to portray criminals "in all their deformity, for ever skulking uneasily through the darkest paths of life, with the great black ghostly galleys closing up their prospect."

If, like many British schoolchildren, you come to *Oliver Twist* only after having seen or sung in *Oliver!*, you are astonished by the intensity of Dickens's rage against those who destroyed young lives. In the novel, for instance, Fagin is far from being a lovable old rogue: on first entrance he is described as "a very old shrivelled Jew, whose villainous-looking and

repulsive face was obscured by a quantity of matted red hair," and Dickens reserves for him one of the most terrifying death-cell scenes in all literature. (It is completely removed from the musical, in which Fagin escapes clutching his jewel-box.)

Similarly, Dickens's Sikes is a murderous madman who clubs his prostitute lover Nancy to death. The beadle Bumble is virtually a sadist. The Artful Dodger is caught and transported — and for children in the 1830s this meant probable death from starvation on board a prison ship.

So the picture of East End gangland that emerges from *Oliver Twist* is unrelentingly evil. Only a one-in-a-million chance saves Oliver from deg-

radation: Dickens makes that clear.

Compare that with *Oliver!*. One can understand why, in modern times, Dickens's portrait of Fagin would be considered unacceptably anti-Semitic. (Indeed, in 1948 the American censors delayed release of Alex Guinness's classic film portrayal, simply because Guinness had been too faithful to Dickens's description.) But in Bart's East End, Fagin's den becomes a jolly Scout camp, presided over by a benign uncle and enlivened by rollicking choruses in which chirpy cockney lads tell each other to "consider yourself at home". The cry of the starving workhouse boys is turned into another exuberant chorus: "Food, Glorious Food!"

And so on. In the novel, Nancy screams abuse at Fagin for leading her (and now Oliver) into crime: "The cold, wet, dirty streets are my home; and you're the wretch that

drove me to them long ago; and that'll keep me there, day and night, day and night, till I die!" In Bart's hands this is blandly transformed into an ironic but perky anthem called "It's a fine life".

In short, Dickens's novel is (to pinch a topical phrase) "tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime," whereas Bart's musical portrays its villains as being all part of the rich tapestry of cockney life. It is not too hard to imagine Bart's Bill Sikes fitting quite happily into that Kentucky Club party, and being accepted by Joan Littlewood as another "Damon Runyan character".

Of course, when Bart wrote *Oliver!* crime did not seem to be threatening society. And, as Bart pointed out recently: "In 1960, homeless people in the streets were fiction, straight out of Dickens. Now it's real."

That is the crunch. Sam Mendes, the director of the new West End *Oliver!*, has hinted that its mood will be far from the "cockney knees-up" that won the 1968 film version its six Oscars, as well as its infamous reputation for mak-

ing Victorian shums look like something created by a health inspector in a Florida theme-park. Jonathan Pryce, who is playing Fagin this time round, has similarly spoken of "homelessness and child abuse" being "back on the agenda".

That makes it all sound a bit grim, and it would be a pity if anything compromised the tureful zest that made Bart's score a dazzling success in the first place. Nevertheless, a production that restores something of Dickens's withering scorn for the cruelties that his own society inflicted on its youngest and most vulnerable members would be welcome.

Perhaps *Oliver!* was written the only way it could have been in the callous, brittle and complacent early Sixties. Now, however, Dickens's righteous indignation seems ever more urgent. Last week, many British newspapers carried a striking advertisement for a charity, The Children's Society. It showed a teenage girl walking down a dark, dirty street. In the shadows, a man lurked. Above the photograph was a headline: "Send £15. Before someone else offers her more." That just about sums up the message of *Oliver Twist*. We have not advanced very far in 157 years.

Oliver! is in preview at the London Palladium (071-494 5020) and opens on December 8

Laibach and think of Hitler

Fascist or merely farcical? Guy Walters tries to unravel the ideology of a Slovenian band



Laibach in anger: "We only appreciate the kind of humour that is not a joke"

Imagine that you are a Falkland Islander. You like being a part of Britain — after all, you speak English, and some of your best friends are among the British soldiers who are there to fly the Union Jack. Now imagine that a group of your mates from the Port Stanley Agricultural College have formed a band called *Las Malvinas* — the Argentine name for your islands. To add insult, they dress up like General Galtieri and sing cover versions in Spanish. Now, wouldn't you be just a little bit annoyed? You would probably think of them as traitors. You may even try to get them banned.

A certain Slovenian band called Laibach found themselves in a similar situation when they formed in 1980. Their name was taken from the German name for their capital, Ljubljana, and the black-uniformed group played hardcore industrial music on stages adorned with totalitarian regalia and wartime slides, and promoted themselves with posters that drew on Nazi imagery. And, surprise, surprise, bans quickly followed. "When we started," says group "spokesman" Ivan Novak, "our use of the name 'Laibach' was very paradoxical. It wasn't forbidden, it wasn't illegal, but it was very provocative."

"Hmmm, yes. In a way."

Fourteen years and seven albums on, Laibach are still continuing to provoke with their references to totalitarianism. Their 1987 *meisterwerk*, *Opus Dei*, featured a now infamous cover version of Queen's *One Vision*, with singer Milan Fras chanting the lyrics in German: "... eine Erde und ein Volk". Dodgy stuff. Their latest album, *Nato*, released last month,

went straight into the indie charts at No 10. The album "takes Nato where Nato itself has refused to go," say the band. That's fair enough. The day when Nato leaders have a sing-a-long to Europe's *The Final Countdown* would probably mark the end of civilisation.

It is all rather confusing. Laibach say they are not fascists, but their music and image flirts with Fascism. They might be taking the mickey by covering Euro-pop such as Opus's "Life Is Life", but when asked if the band have a sense of humour, Novak says, "We only appreciate the kind of humour that is not a joke."

So what are they trying to achieve? "One of our basic intentions," says Novak, "is to give questions for people to be able to answer for themselves." But all they are doing is presenting endless paradoxes, so how are we supposed to answer them? "We're just opening a different point of view really. Everything should be questioned all the time," Novak says.

The band claim that they represent totalitarianism in art rather than in politics. On being told that David Bowie once said that Hitler was the first pop star, Novak replies: "Then Elvis Presley was the biggest fascist." Indeed.

Laibach feel that the whole pop industry is totalitarian, "but it's not only pop music," says Novak. "Every public meeting works through pretty much the same mechanism, and politicians such as Hitler were only bringing this out to its totality. Heavy metal concerts, for example, follow exactly the same kind of rules."

If it is impossible to get a satisfactory response from Laibach with the "what's it all about then, boys?" approach, then the existence of the *Neue Slowenische Kunst* (NSK) should help. The NSK, described as a "state of mind" rather than a state with physical territories, issues its own passports and boasts more "citizens" than the Vatican (which has 400). It even has its own currency: 1 NSK = £2.85.

"Citizenship" is open to all, as long as "the bearer pledges to participate on a best-effort basis to support the integrity of the NSK state". Laibach are the "founding fathers" of the NSK. It is essentially an art collective. Novak describes it as "a very flexible thing. We have to have different points of view on the same subject."

How useful. Perhaps Laibach should cover Midge Ure's "Answers To Nothing". That'll learn 'em.

Laibach play the Glasgow Arena on Thursday (041-221 4583) and the Union Chapel, Compton Terrace, London N1 on Saturday (071-226 1686). Nato is available on Mute Records.

MUSIC: *Tristan* in Huddersfield; in London, Levine postures but Welser-Möst shines

Those happy accidents

ONE of the least likely of modern masterpieces is Hans Werner Henze's *Tristan*. Described by the composer as "a prelude for piano, tapes and orchestra", it is also a monument to creative self-indulgence, to the artistic legitimacy of the composer doing whatever he wants — throwing marbles at piano strings and tennis balls at bass strings, violating Chopin, computer-analysing Wagner, treating Brahms as an enemy alien — and incorporating the results in a collage extending over six movements and lasting not far short of an hour.

The extraordinary thing is that Henze's structural intuition and his instinct for theatre ensured that, though there are moments of no apparent relevance, *Tristan* is an inexplicably coherent and inescapably seductive experience. Another extraordinary thing is that, when the work was performed at the

Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, at its catastrophic climax a trumpet player in the English Northern Philharmonia blacked-out under the sustained high-pitched strain and, with perfect timing, fell out of his chair into the double-bass section some feet below.

Happily, no harm was done to the instrumentalist and no harm was done to a performance which was notable as for its less sensational aspects, not least the thoughtful playing of Martin Roscoe in the piano preludes which are at the very heart of the work.

In the same concert Diego Masson conducted the first

performance of Roger Marsh's *Espace* which was a jolting experience in the hall but which in the BBC recording broadcast a few hours later seemed more inspired than germy determined in its progress and more brilliant than aggressive in its sound. How much this difference in perception had to do with BBC engineering, the sometimes uncomfortably close-up acoustics of Huddersfield Town Hall and the increased familiarity of a second hearing, it is difficult to say, but it was a pleasant surprise.

It was a relief too, after the disappointment of *Gloria* — a pitagale earlier in the festival,

to be able to react positively to another H.K. Gruber first performance. Written as long as six years ago but not heard in England before now, *Nebelsteinmusik* (Violin Concerto No 2) is an unassuming piece composed of disparate, often jazzy material, cheerfully tuneful on the surface but at lower levels in the texture seething with contrapuntal interest and political undertones. Persuasively presented by Ernst Kovacic and the excellent Klangforum Wien under the composer's direction, *Nebelsteinmusik* was the centrepiece of a programme which also included Giacinto Scelsi's *Anahit*, which asks for trouble in its pointlessly eccentric tuning of the solo violin and which, somewhat gratifyingly, encountered it when the pegs slipped and the performance had to be halted for readjustment.

GERALD LARNER

Punch drunk on empty gestures

AN extraordinary thing happened at the end of James Levine's performance of Brahms's German Requiem with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Festival Hall on Saturday night. In the seconds after the release of the final chord — those moments that can be so magical when performers and audience are held in rapt communion — Levine held his arms aloft for an eternity. Was he alone in not noticing that the atmosphere was dead, that people were half out of their seats? It was the final act of charlatanism in a performance riddled with vacuous gestures.

The act set in with the second movement, "Denn alles Fleisch," which Levine's impossibly slow tempo dragged out to what seemed like the Day of Judgment itself. "Lento, alla marcia" is the composer's marking, but this was several degrees slower than "lento" and anybody trying to march to it, however funereally, would have fallen flat on his face. Furthermore, since there was no build-up of momentum, each of the climactic outbursts seemed a gratuitous exercise of power.

Fortissimo choral passages

(lustily sung by the Philharmonia Chorus) left uncomfortably hard-pounded out with unrelenting force and no perceptible regard for line. The wonderful striding figure that passes up through the texture in "Herr, du bist würdig" went for nothing, because of Levine's determination to punch out every chord, regardless of direction.

If there were any redeeming features, they came in the form of the two soloists, Barbara Bonney and José van Dam, who each brought the sense of musical shaping so lacking elsewhere.

Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto was given in much the same overbearing manner. Where Nikolaus Harnoncourt recently generated well-focused and finely shaded intensity in Beethoven symphonies with the same orchestra, Levine achieved only sheer physical power: the seductive but dangerous power of a demagogue. The effect is less sinister than when delivered with the silky timbres of Levine's own Met Orchestra, but it still gives me the creeps.

The soloist, Evgeny Kissin, also has a powerful delivery, though with his slender frame



Levine: no perceptible regard for line

Schmidt's devotees (who included the late Hans Keller) have long claimed that a revival of his music is overdue. Certainly on the basis of this cogently argued work, which uses a conservative tonal idiom to deeply expressive effect, they have a good case.

Welser-Möst, whose Austrian roots stand him in good stead in this repertoire, drew an inspiring, convincingly shaped performance from the London Philharmonic — the strongest I think I have ever heard from him. The opening and closing trumpet solos were played with admirable control by Paul Beniston.

After the interval Welser-Möst conducted a superbly dynamic, sympathetically stylised performance of the Mozart Requiem — the second best I have ever heard from him: this was a weekend of extraordinary happenings. The singing of the London Philharmonic Chorus was robust and athletic. The first-rate team of soloists consisted of Lynne Dawson, Christine Cairns, John Mark Ainsley and David Wilson Johnson (standing in for an indisposed René Pape).

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End of bullying bosses?

Gillian Howard
on the duty of
employers to
ensure staff
health and safety

Are you feeling exhausted, overworked and unable to cope? Does your boss bully you to work even harder? Are you being driven to the point of despair? If so, you may be able to sue your employer for causing you stress, in the wake of a landmark court decision.

The High Court ruled earlier this month that John Walker, a 57-year-old senior social worker, could sue his employers for exposing him to stress after an increased workload resulted in him having two breakdowns.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) estimates that more than 40 million working days a year are lost in Britain because of stress-related illnesses, and that up to 60 per cent of all absences from work are caused by stress.

In the UK, in common law, employers must ensure there are safe systems of work and must guard against any reasonably foreseeable risks of injury, so that where a job requires long hours and entails onerous work, the employer must reduce the possibility of the employee "cracking up" under the strain.

There is also an implied duty under the employment contract that an organisation will do nothing likely to injure the health of its staff. Workers who are of a nervous disposition or who have already suffered mental illness are owed an even greater duty of care by employers.

Mr Walker was in charge of those Northumberland County Council social workers working on child-abuse cases. He lost his job after two nervous breakdowns. The High Court ruling could mean that the council will have to pay damages for his lost career and his permanent psychological impairment. He is now a self-employed decorator.

The court held that the council had failed to foresee that he was unable to cope with the workload after his first breakdown, which became heavier with no help or guidance from the council. Mr Walker collapsed with a second breakdown.

By continuing to employ him after his first breakdown and by requiring him to work under even more pressure, the council had failed in its duty to take care of him.

In 1991, Chris Johnstone, a senior house officer at University College Hospital, London, sued Bloomsbury Health Authority, claiming that his psychological trauma and his inability to eat or sleep, caused by working excessively long hours, amounted to a breach of contract and an act of



John Walker, right, shakes hands with Roger Poole of Unison, his union, after winning his High Court case

negligence by his employers, notwithstanding that his contract provided for such working hours. His action is still continuing.

In that case his employers tried to argue that they should not be found liable as they were a public body and could not afford to change their working practices. The court dismissed such a notion and declared that it would be inconceivable that an employer's health and safety duty would extend only so far as political expediency permitted.

Northumberland Council also argued that as it was a public body it should not be treated as any other commercial employer, although budgetary constraints and lack of flexibility may be relevant considerations for public sector employers.

Under new health and safety regulations, which came into force in January 1993, all employers must undertake assessments so that unacceptable risks can be identified

and reduced, and safety measures implemented.

In cases where workers are in highly stressful occupations, such as the rescue and medical services and social work, the employer must be particularly mindful of the mental strain and trauma of the job and take steps accordingly. Similarly, workers at risk of violent attacks are entitled to be treated sympathetically.

Workers who are of a nervous disposition are owed an even greater duty of care by employers

thetically when they have been traumatised by such an event. Professor Tom Cox of Nottingham University has recently completed research for the Health and Safety Executive into work-related stress. He concludes there are many factors that will probably indicate which workers are more likely to suffer from stress. Factors such as relationships at home, satisfaction with work, lifestyle, health and social status, hazardous work-

ing conditions and type of personality are all implicated in stress disorders.

Last year, Ray Petch, a former assistant secretary at Customs and Excise, unsuccessfully sued his employers for negligence after his mental breakdown. His employers were held not to be negligent because they had sent him on sick leave after his breakdown, moved him to a less onerous post when he first returned and then finally retired him early on medical grounds when it became clear that he could not cope with the work.

Pre-employment screening and psychometric tests may be one way to assess whether a job candidate is able to withstand the particular stresses in the job. The employer ought to warn any prospective candidate about such possible stresses. Once in the job, employers must ensure that no one is having to work so hard that they cannot cope.

If any employee suffers a breakdown the employer must ensure that they take expert medical advice about how that employee should be rehabilitating the Stock Exchange for the first time changed law firms to someone they perceived to be more experienced. But 90 per cent remain with their accountant. Significantly, more companies named their lawyers and bankers as having played a vital role in the flotation than named their accountants and auditors.

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Training point
BARRISTERS have found a new source of income: teaching solicitors the law. More than 140 lawyers — mostly solicitors — last week went to the latest in a series of seminars (on childcare law) being held by the chambers of James Mulcahy, QC, at 2 Gray's Inn Square. The seminars, held at the Council for Legal Education, are accredited by the Law Society, so solicitors can notch up their required continuing education "points" for attending them. On December 1 and 7 there are updates on the new Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

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Lloyd's prepares for names' new weapon

Lloyd's names have won a significant first round with the Court of Appeal ruling that use of Lloyd's Central Fund to pay policyholders may be in breach of the EC Treaty. Even though Lloyd's maintains it can and will still draw on the members' fund, names believe the ruling — that the Central Fund may distort competition — is a significant weapon in their defence armoury when the main action over losses comes to trial.

The names risked everything when they joined the market. But, as the courts have confirmed in cases such as that of the dentist (Sword-Daniels) who, it was found, should have been discouraged from joining Lloyd's, and Gooda Walker, where it was judged there was negligent underwriting, they have suffered more than mere trading losses. They are, therefore, looking for redress from those whose negligence either caused or increased the losses which they must meet.

The issue before the Court of Appeal in *The Society of Lloyd's v. Clementson* (judgment was delivered on November 10) was whether names had to pay all their losses without being able to set off claims they had against their agents.

The problem is a real one. In many cases the agent has limited resources, if any, and there may be insufficient insurance cover for errors and omissions to meet all the names' claims. Policyholders, however, must be paid what may, so when Lloyd's stepped in to meet the liabilities of recalcitrant names out of the Central Fund, built up from levies, it no doubt expected it would receive a judgment for reimbursement.

Lloyd's decision to pay to the agents the names' unpaid cash calls out of the Central Fund meant, however, that names were being required to meet those calls in full by reimbursing the fund for the amounts drawn down, even though courts might then award them damages against the agents, and the agents be unable to pay them.

Jeremy Lever, QC, argued on behalf of John Clementson in the Court of Appeal that the Central Fund may have had the effect of distorting competition in the market and that it may affect trade between EC member states. If right, that would mean Lloyd's could no longer use the fund, nor collect sums already disbursed from it. Names would still be liable to their agents for their proper trading losses but they could offset their claims in negligence.

The Appeal Court agreed. It said the Central Fund may be capable of breaching Article 85(1) of the EC Treaty, so there will

now be a trial to determine, on the facts, whether Lloyd's is in breach. It also held that section 14 of the Lloyd's Act (which provides immunity for Lloyd's against claims for damages other than for fraud) does not protect it against claims for damages caused by any breach of the EC competition rules.

Another provision of Lloyd's arrangements which the Appeal Court held capable of being in breach of those rules is its solvency directions which gave greater credit for reinsurance within Lloyd's than outside the market. This, too, will have to be tested at a trial.

The Appeal Court's decision has potentially wider ramifications. It is understood that the Secretary of State approved the reinsurance directions. If so, and the directions are found to be void under the EC Treaty, the Government could be liable in that it did not refrain from measures which assist in the contravention of treaty provisions.

Further, the Secretary of State is responsible for Lloyd's solvency and the Central Fund plays an important part in enabling Lloyd's to prove solvency. It is used to "earmark" the sums representing the shortfall in any name's solvency position, and is held as insurance of last resort in the event of the failure of any name. If the fund may be void, it calls into question whether the fund can be taken into account when assessing the Lloyd's solvency.

Lloyd's is believed to have taken steps to remedy the position which would involve formally notifying the European Commission of its arrangements, seeking either negative clearance (a statement by the Commission that Lloyd's has not been in breach of the relevant Articles, 85 and 86), or seeking exemption from the prohibition in Article 85(1), which only the Commission can grant. The second option is more likely. But the Commission would have to look at the anomalies in the present arrangements and balance what is needed to protect the policyholders, names and consumers generally, with the anti-competitive nature of some provisions. The test will be whether more proportionate means to achieve the same protection are available.

Whatever the outcome, no exemption, however, can predate the date of the notification. Lloyd's will still be left with the problem of collecting past debts. How that will be resolved depends on the factual findings yet to be made by the courts, and it would be wrong to anticipate the result.

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Private opinion

GEORGE Carman, QC, has come out against any kind of privacy law in the wake of the Prince of Wales's authorised biography, and other royal biographies. He told guests at the High Court Journalists' Association last week that "where distinguished and important members of the royal family

have themselves entered the arena" and used the press and the media to put their side of the story "it is very hard to turn round and accuse the press of invasion of privacy". That had to be considered, he added, when Parliament looked at privacy.

Called to account

COMPANIES House rejected a set of accounts on the ground that the paper "was not white". The paper was, in fact, white but, according to Companies House rules, was "of a background density not greater than 0.3". Too see-through, in other words.

Stock answer

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Frances Gibb looks at the hurdles that had to be overcome in getting the National Lottery on line

Peter Davis, the director-general of the National Lottery, was tired but exhilarated. Launching the National Lottery was "a bit like giving birth," he said last week. "A huge amount of time and effort has been spent, particularly in the later stages. But when you see a well-formed infant taking its first look at the world, you heave a sigh of relief and say it's been well worth it."

For him and his team of advisers, the first week's draw was the spectacular climax to over a year's complex legal and financial groundwork. Mr Davis approved the last of the documents needed by Camelot on Friday at 1am before the launch on November 14. The pound signs in the public's eye have been matched by the statistics: the tender documents from the eight bidders filled a room; those on the security of the prize fund alone are 3in thick. After week one, with £49 million tickets sold, the lottery is expected to become the nation's biggest consumer outlet, taking weekly turnover, revenue is half that of Marks and Spencer, and should match it when all 39,000 outlets open by 1996.

But it has also meant trading new legal ground. From the drafting of the tender document to the security of the balls, the work has involved a delicate liaison between public and private sectors. Mr Davis, who reports to the Heritage Secretary, had the task of choosing and licensing the lottery operators and now



Michael Storar, left, and Peter Davis: responsible for giving birth to Britain's latest national pastime

Legal aid for lottery

monitoring its operation. That link is paralleled by the work of the legal team. The City firm Lawrence Graham, was instructed by the Treasury Solicitors to provide the commercial expertise needed for the tender document and the licences.

Michael Storar, the partner who headed the 18-strong legal team, says: "No one has tried to invent regulations for an industry not actually up and running before. With British Telecom, or British Gas, the industries existed, the contin-

gencies were known. Here we were inventing from scratch."

The timetable has been tight: the first phase was devising the tender document — the "invitation to Apply" — issued in draft last November and final document in December, giving bidders until February 14 to do so. Mr Storar's team, with Treasury Solicitors, did the key work with financial input from Hill Samuel. "We had to get it right first time," Mr Davis says.

Three or four tenders were expected: eight arrived (20 sets

of each 100,000-page bid were needed) and the team "went into purdah for three months" to read them.

The procedure for screening bids was laid down and rigorously applied. As a statutory body, any flaws could have laid it open to judicial review. Top security surrounded the decision which was faxed simultaneously to all bidders on May 25. Then phase two started, preparing the final version of the licence which was issued in July. There was also work on the agreement of

the ownership of the National Lottery logo. "This was complicated," Mr Storar says, "because it had to be owned by the Secretary of State, managed by the director-general and operated by Camelot."

One crucial task was ensuring the security of the prize fund money. Britain's previous lottery was scrapped in 1826 after Treasury officials made off with the money. Mr Storar says the prize money goes through a series of banking points from the retailers' tills to Camelot's bank ac-

count, "using techniques derived from security issues to safeguard the cashflow". From there it goes into a trust account (last week of £22 million) with corporate trustees to watch over it. If Camelot went into liquidation, for instance, the lottery players' money would be protected.

Since July, Mr Storar's team has worked on approving every aspect of Camelot's operation. For instance, there are six sets of balls, made in America, then subjected to British Standards scrutiny for weight and size (to No 49, with its extra point, does not outweigh No 1). They are now in the custody of Camelot's draw manager and Price Waterhouse.

There was vetting of employees to ensure the lottery is secure and above reproach. This huge exercise involved 1,500 individuals and 250 companies signing declarations to establish their propriety. On the legal side, Mr Storar liaised with Treasury Solicitors to ensure no breach of "protocols or public law requirements" with personal data on individuals being transferred between government agencies.

From now on, their work will focus on areas such as licensing new games. Despite some hiccups with terminals, Mr Davis praises Camelot's "fantastic" job getting 10,000 terminals and back-up ready in months. "It will give people great fun, the chance to win large amounts, significant employment and huge sums for good causes. It's had its first flight and it stayed up."

Lawyers score with the Budget

Who does the best financial analysis? Edward Fennell spots a new trend

The Chancellor is a barrister by profession and likely to produce a Budget in dry lawyer's prose. But there may be plenty of bite in the small print from Mr Clarke. So, this afternoon, as commercial lawyers throughout the country tune to the radio, they know that important messages will come via the more detailed press releases issued later in the day and trickling out in coming weeks.

Sir Edward Fennell, head of Slaughter & May's tax department, says: "We tell our articulated clerks to bring an umbrella on Budget day because they may well spend the evening ferrying the press releases back to the office. Some clients want instant comment on fine details, so we have to digest press statements as soon as they are available."

Mr Edge believes it is a fallacy that the accountancy profession is better informed on Budget matters than lawyers.

His experience is that the Inland Revenue seeks detailed comment from top City practices such as his own ahead of the Budget in order to gauge the possible impact on commercial life. As a result, the most subtle nuances of the Budget require a lawyer's interpretive skills rather than an accountant's.

The days are largely gone when deals were rushed through before midnight on Budget Day to avoid one of the Chancellor's provisions. Even so, the reading of political signals has been a driving force behind a number of transactions in recent weeks.

What most lawyers predict from today's events is a continued tightening-up of avoidance loopholes. John Chaloner, a tax partner at Norton Rose, says: "Virtually all City work has tax implications, so

the Budget is extremely important to us. The small technical changes that never get mentioned in the main media coverage of the Budget can be vital."

Norton Rose will be gearing up for its Budget response from its newly refurbished high-tech offices off Bishopsgate. As well as issuing a post-Budget commentary, the Norton Rose partners will swing into action later this week with personal meetings with those clients whose businesses are particularly affected by the Chancellor's proposals. Mr Chaloner foresees changes in the National

Insurance regime to tighten up on schemes such as payment in wine and gold bars and efforts to cut out stamp duty avoidance on sales of companies.

Freshfields is not putting out any overnight publication but instead will produce what the firm describes as "state-of-the-art, high-quality recommendations" for its clients in the next few weeks. Dominic Leamy, the firm's spokesman, says: "We don't go in for hang-off-the-mark advice but prefer a more measured reflective response."

Outside the City, many law firms are hoping the Chancellor might give the economy a boost to stimulate transactions. Speaking from Mr Clarke's home town of Nottingham, Victor Fennell, chairman of the Eversheds group, agrees with Mr Edge that large clients now prefer to take post-Budget advice from lawyers rather than accountants. Whether analysing investment, share-option schemes for employees or anti-avoidance measures, the lawyer's interpretation of the Chancellor's words is more useful than pure number-crunching.

Clarke: lawyer talk

Silicone deadline

BETWEEN 30,000 and 50,000 women in Britain are estimated to have had silicone breast implants, but so far only 1,000 have come forward to take part in the claims procedure agreed in the United States. The deadline for claims, which will then be considered for part of a \$4.2 billion global settlement, is Thursday, Frances Gibb writes.

Paul Balen, one of the lawyers co-ordinating claims,

says he hopes that the Government "will encourage those women who have had implants to ensure that their names are registered with the American claims court in time."

Russell Levy, secretary of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, says that to remove the risk of injury to more patients, the Department of Health should "follow the lead of its counterparts in countries such as America, Australia, Canada and Japan by restricting the use of silicone breast implants until the makers provide evidence that their products are of good quality and safe."

LEGAL NEWS ROUNDUP

Grade A?

BILL BRAITHWAITE, QC, has become the first barrister in Britain to receive the human equivalent of the Kitemark. Several solicitors' firms have already received what was called British Standards 5750, and is now BS EN ISO 9000 — the internationally recognised British Standards Institution grade for quality management systems.

But Mr Braithwaite, a personal injuries lawyer in a Liverpool chambers, is the first to do so at the Bar. He

says: "I strongly believe that the legal profession should be developing quality management systems."

Child aid

THE National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, with joint funding by ChildLine, last week introduced a guide, "Preparing Child Witnesses for Court".

Courts threat

A STRING of magistrates' courts across London is

under threat from what the London Boroughs Association calls "seriously flawed" government proposals for a new funding system.

The LBA claims that under the plans, to take effect in April, the 20 outer London magistrates' courts stand to lose an average of 10 per cent of their funding over the next five years. Two, Brent and Hounslow, will lose about 30 per cent, the LBA says.

If the formula is extended to the single Inner London Magistrates' Court in April 1996, as intended, the loss

there will be 50 per cent. The LBA is calling on Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, to scrap the proposals and to come up with a formula taking account of London's higher staff and other costs.

Lucky bonus

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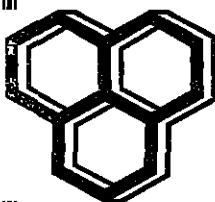
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Milan face difficult test from club that does its homework



Baresi: waning powers

Newcastle United might thrive on it. Manchester United would hate it, but if the Football Association's plan to confine clubs' intake of schoolboys to geographic regions became reality, it would be fascinating. Across the world, in Argentina, there is such a club, one that has virtually built itself into a continental force on the strict application of training boys into men in its own neighbourhood.

The club, Velez Sarsfield, of Buenos Aires, meets the richest club in Italy, AC Milan, for the 1994 European-South American Cup, formerly the world club championship, in Tokyo on Thursday.

It is, on the face of it, the falling aristocrats of Italy versus the comparative paupers of South America. But that is misleading, for Velez Sarsfield is, by cutting its meagre cloth well, a club which fields teams in 30 sports, which

owns its own stadium, which is that rarity in Argentinean football, solvent and not chased by tax inspectors, magistrates, or any of those organisations pursuing Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister and the owner of Milan.

When one speaks of cutting the cloth, it is instructive to learn that the white shirts of the Buenos Aires club were originally chosen because that colour came cheapest from the tailor. A blue V was added on the chest almost by accident, when the tailor failed to deliver the pure white shirts on time and offered those with the blue marking as a cut-price deal.

Velez Sarsfield has been trimming budgets and winning matches ever since. Of 27 players on the team roster, 19 have come through the ranks from schoolboy to player, and all but two of the full complement are Argentines born and bred. The club's man-



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Overseas Football

er, Carlos Bianchi, was unarguably its most famous centre forward, the scorer of 206 goals before he took up coaching. Yet he is a match in pragmatism for Fabio Capello, who appears to have denuded Milan of their former glorious approach in favour of a style that has yielded them only seven goals in ten games in Serie A this season.

Yet that is not entirely fair. If Marco van Basten were fit, he would still be Europe's most deadly finisher; if Dejan Savicevic, the Serb, were not so brittle, he would create just as he did when Milan so imperiously beat Bar-

celona to win the European Cup last summer. There is more. The ageing of Franco Baresi, once the master of defence, is not the fault of the coach, nor is the fact that Gianluigi Lentini, the most expensive winger in history, has lost his appetite for the game, despite recovering from a car crash.

One wonders how Milan in this depressed form will score goals against Velez Sarsfield, whose record in reaching this intercontinental final was achieved in negative fashion. They have played 14 matches, scored 14 goals and conceded 12. Three times they came through qualifying rounds

by beating opponents in penalty shoot-outs, yet when they did against São Paulo, the world club champions, from Brazil, Bianchi said: "This was the first and only time we have played ruthlessly and defensively like this. It was the only way to win the Copa Libertadores [the South American Cup]."

The team does have an exceptional striker, Omar Asad. He eschews finesse in favour of the battering-ram approach. Asad is, like virtually all of his colleagues, a product of the club's youth policy.

At the other end of the field, Velez Sarsfield are also almost unique. In José Luis Chilavert they have a Paraguayan goalkeeper who thinks he is much more than that. Chilavert has scored 28 penalties in the last three years. Indeed, as a former striker, his belief in the power of his left foot can be overbearing. For example, when Velez Sarsfield were a minute

away from another goalless draw in the league last month, up stepped this controversial goalkeeper, nudging his captain, Roberto Trovati, out of the way. Trovati had thought that a 25-yard free kick was his responsibility; Chilavert insisted otherwise, won the argument and scored.

He has been compared with those extrovert custodians, René Higuita, of Colombia, and Jorge Campos, of Mexico. "I don't agree," he insisted. "They can't shoot like I do, and I don't take as many risks as they do." However, Chilavert, 29, says he has played his last international for Paraguay. He deems his country's football association to be beyond redemption in its disorganisation. Yet he says he is a patriot and that, ultimately, he will return to be his country's president. Of course, and Britain's next Prime Minister will be Paul Merson.

O'Neill ponders move to Leicester

McMahon climbs on managerial merry-go-round

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

FOOTBALL'S managerial merry-go-round continued unabated yesterday, with two departures, one appointment and another possible transfer of allegiance. Steve McMahon, the Manchester City midfielder, led the way when he became player-manager of Swindon Town. Quite why he should embark on a profession that has seen 22 casualties this season, and ten this month alone, is puzzling.

McMahon, 33, who also played for Everton, Aston Villa and Liverpool, replaces John Gorman, who was dismissed last week after Swindon's indifferent start in the Endleigh Insurance League first division. City and Swindon swiftly agreed an undisclosed compensation fee.

McMahon, who has made almost 500 league appearances and won 17 England caps, has signed a three-year contract. "This is a great opportunity," he said. "I'm under no illusions about the task, but I've got to start somewhere."

Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe Wanderers manager, could soon follow McMahon on the move. He was due to talk with Martin George, the Leicester City chairman, last night about the vacancy created by the resignation of Brian Little, now manager at Aston Villa, last week. O'Neill, 42, signed a one-year extension to his two-year contract during the summer but insisted on a clause that allowed him to speak to any prospective employers from the FA Carling Premiership.

O'Neill masterminded Wyc-

ombe's rise from the Vauxhall Conference to the second division. He has been frequently courted by larger clubs, and turned down the chance of succeeding Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest last year. "I'm reluctant to leave because we have come so far at Wycombe, but I've got to talk to Leicester at least," he said.

Leicester, meanwhile, are proceeding with their High Court action to seek compensation of around £500,000 from Villa for the loss of Little.

Manchester United's injury problems intensified yesterday with the news that Peter Schmeichel and Lee Sharpe will be out until January. Schmeichel tore back muscles playing for Denmark two weeks ago and needs six weeks of rest. An X-ray on Sharpe's ankle has shown a hairline fracture.

and his coach, John Gregory. A hearing is scheduled for this afternoon, despite attempts by the Premier League to negotiate a settlement.

If O'Neill is tempted by the East Midlands, perhaps Dave Sutton or Eddie May will replace him at Adams Park. Sutton resigned from Rochdale yesterday after 6½ years, while May was dismissed by Cardiff City. Mark Aizlewood is in temporary charge at Ninian Park, "under the supervision" of Terry Yorath, the general manager.

Arsenal players could again be tested for drugs this season

as the Football Association, in conjunction with the Sports Council, continues its behind-the-scenes campaign to keep sport clean. The council has denied that Arsenal have been targeted in the wake of the Paul Merson affair, and said that the testing of four players on Friday — the day Merson admitted an addiction to cocaine — was no more than coincidence.

Post-match drugs testing in football is now in its second year, but out-of-competition testing has been introduced only this season. Arsenal were paid such a visit, by an independent sampling officer, at their Highbury training ground. The results will be known at the end of this week, but will be kept confidential.

Mary Fitzhenry, the Sports Council press officer, said: "It was what you might call an unhappy coincidence. It had nothing to do with the Merson business. It was completely random, but they could still be visited again this season." The council has carried out 160 tests for the FA in the past two years, and none has proved positive for recreational drugs.

Another contentious issue, the match-fixing allegations involving Bruce Grobbelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper, has been temporarily placed on ice. Grobbelaar's advisers should have written to the FA by yesterday with their observations on the claims, but failed to. "It's not a problem," an FA spokesman said. "We're still in constant touch with his representatives."

Prolific Hendry breaks away from the pack

By PHIL YATES

IT WAS barely an hour after Stephen Hendry had captured the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship for a third time on Sunday evening with the finest display of sustained break-building ever seen that a denizen of the press-room felt the need to ask: "Where does he go from here?"

After including an unprecedented seven century breaks in his 10.5 victory over Ken Doherty, it seems extremely unlikely Hendry will be "going" anywhere. Instead, his tenure of the world No 1

position is firmer than ever and he will remain there for as long as motivation and competitive drive allow.

Hendry's performance against Doherty, with all its record-breaking consequences, was the snooker equivalent of Brian Lara's Test innings of 375 for West Indies last spring. The Scot is undoubtedly the most prolific scorer in the game's history but, even by his standards, this was something extraordinary.

Runs of 112, 114 and 130 in the second, third and fourth frames respectively set the pattern. It was only the twelfth

time centuries have been recorded in three successive frames and Hendry has now done it on three occasions.

By the end of the first session the world champion had registered two additional hundreds, 109 and 106, to equal the five he made during the afternoon's play when beating John Parrott 9-3 in the semi-finals of the UK championship last year. Incredibly, more were to come.

Before Hendry had done enough to collect the £70,000 first prize, a twentieth world-ranking tournament win and his 49th title in all, two more centuries, 110 and 106, were

constructed. They carried his total for the competition to 12, itself a record for the most centuries from one player in a world-ranking event.

Hendry, 25, has compiled 264 three-figure contributions in competition since turning professional in 1985. Steve Davis, the only other player with more than 200 to his credit, lags 30 behind Hendry, even though he is a veteran of 17 professional seasons.

In his heyday, John Spencer, the 1969, 1970 and 1977 world champion, was renowned for his break-building prowess, yet on Sunday, the present chairman of the World

Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, could only marvel at the quality and precision of Hendry's play.

Doherty said of Hendry's display: "We'll probably never witness anything like that again. Stephen's brought a new dimension to snooker and, although I'm too young to have seen Joe Davis play, you've got to believe Stephen is the best player ever. Nobody alive could have matched what he did today."

RESULT: Final: S. Hendry (Scotland) 10-5 K. Doherty (Ireland). Frame scores: Hendry 65-72, 112-4, 114-8, 130-0, 106-8, 109-2, 61-56, 108-20, 117-0, 64-25, 20-61, 67-50, 113-17, 74-25, 72-45.

Brown faces difficult contest to retain title

NEVILLE Brown, the British middleweight boxing champion, attempts to make the Lonsdale Belt his own by winning it for the third time when he meets Antonio Fernandez at Cannock Leisure Centre tonight (Srikumar Sen writes).

The two Midlands, Brown from Burton-on-Trent, and Fernandez, from Birmingham, have met before, as amateurs, and Brown won, forcing Fernandez to take three standing counts. Brown should win again.

It is unlikely to be an easy night for the champion, however. He will have his work cut out as Fernandez has, in seven years campaigning, learnt how to survive and has never been defeated.

Brown, who was twice Amateur Boxing Association light-middleweight champion, has never managed to realise the promise of his amateur days. Too often his chin has looked fragile. Indeed, he was stopped in one round by Paul Westley in 1991.

The defeat was reversed with a points win three months later. Two years after that, however, Fernandez knocked out Wesley in one round. The result proved something of a surprise, for Fernandez is not a puncher, preferring to jab and move.

Fernandez could cause an upset if he can draw Brown on to the right hand that stopped Wesley. But it looks like a distance battle, with Brown coming out on top.

Allenby claims place

GOLF: Robert Allenby's victory in the Australian Open on Sunday has earned him the final place in the 24-man field for the world championship in Jamaica next month. Allenby survived an erratic finish to capture the title in Sydney by one shot from his fellow Australian, Brent Ogle. The world championship will again be held at the Trill Club from December 15-18. Tom Watson beat a four-man field in the two-day Skins Game in Palm Desert, California, to secure his first victory in the United States since 1987.

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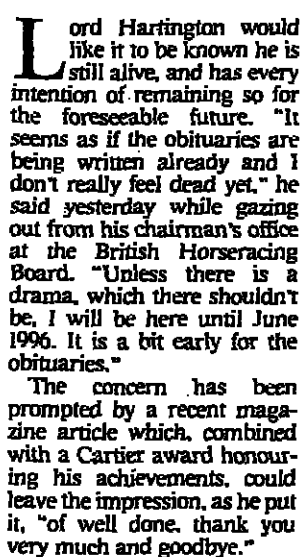
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Hartington turns energies to shaping future

Richard Evans meets a reformer dismayed by reports suggesting the premature demise of his career



Lord Hartington takes time off from his duties as chairman of the British Horseracing Board to attend a day's racing at Ascot

Lord Hartington would like it to be known he is still alive, and has every intention of remaining so for the foreseeable future. "It seems as if the obituaries are being written already and I don't really feel dead yet," he said yesterday while gazing out from his chairman's office at the British Horseracing Board. "Unless there is a drama, which there shouldn't be, I will be here until June 1996. It is a bit early for the obituaries."

The concern has been prompted by a recent magazine article which, combined with a Carriar award honouring his achievements, could leave the impression, as he put it, "of well done, thank you very much and goodbye."

Nothing could be further from the truth. As he pointed out when receiving the award earlier this month, despite the enormous progress racing has made in the 1990s, "there is still a long way to go." He intends to help racing get there.

Having been the driving force behind the historic creation of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), which assumed many of the powers held for centuries by the Jockey Club, not to mention successful campaigns for Sunday racing and the abolition of VAT on bloodstock, Hartington has already earned a niche alongside Admiral Henry Rous and Lord George Benbow as one of the great reformers of the Turf. But, as he explained, he is now looking to "set the course" for phase two of the BHB's development.

The key ingredients of money and high politics are linked. Although racing's finances are improving, the risk-reward ratio facing British racehorse owners is still

twice as bad as that confronting their French counterparts because of low levels of prize-money. More cash must therefore be raised, an issue which touches upon government, and its high level of betting tax, and the Tote, the pool betting organisation, chaired by Lord Wynn of Wexford.

Then there is the question of who should have the power to shape the future of the Horseracing Betting Levy Board, which collects and spends more than £50 million of punters' contributions annually on racing's behalf. "Racing wants to be in control of its own destiny. At the moment we have a great deal of influence but we don't have control," Hartington said.

Since the BHB was launched in June 1993, its aims and objectives have included taking over the spending function of the Levy Board, so it can decide where money is allocated, and having responsibility for the Tote. Unfortunately, due to the workload of the past 17 months, no time or consideration has been given to working out the policy in detail, or how to implement it. That is set to change.

The recent five-year levy deal agreed with bookmakers means Hartington and Tristram Ricketts, his chief executive, have been released from the time-consuming burden imposed by the annual levy negotiations. Over the next six months, they will examine how racing should be financed in future, the benefits, or otherwise, of assuming some of the powers of the Levy Board and Tote, and the need to lobby government for the necessary primary legislation.

The simple argument is that it is awkward if policy and finance are separated. We are making the policy for racing, while the Levy Board is supplying the money."

However, he is the first to admit such far-reaching changes are not that simple. Sir John Sparrow, the respected Levy Board chairman, has understandably not expressed any great enthusiasm for a diminution in the power of his organisation, and it would be vital to have the agreement of bookmakers, the other important players.

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believes the present levy system, backed by statute, is the best available for raising revenue, he is more than happy to look at the experience of other racing nations, such as Australia. Similarly, he has no firm conclusions in mind and concedes that the outcome may be a more gradualist approach to effecting change. Above all, the BHB must highlight the potential benefits from any radical restructuring.

The diplomatic style is typical of a man who has been the architect of racing's revival. He has no wish to have his term of office extended beyond 1996 "but by then I am determined we will be much clearer about the Tote and the Levy Board. Whether we should make progress down those routes, and if so, how."

"After 1996 I shall be finished with racing politics for the time being. I would be happy at some stage in the future to come back in some role. At the moment I still look at the front of racing papers before I look at the results. In 1996 that will change. It won't stop me looking at the front page, but I will do it second."

The obituary writers must wait a while yet. The next two years will determine not only the shape of racing in Britain as the 21st century beckons, but they are also likely to determine its health and prosperity.

Lingfield gamble prompts inquiry

THE Jockey Club and Weatherbys have promised a full investigation into the circumstances which led to the wrong horse being declared at Lingfield this afternoon, leaving on-course bookmakers £12,000 poorer.

Crystal Heights (Fr), saddled by Roger Rees, trainer Roland O'Sullivan and ridden by Stuart Lanigan, landed some hefty bets when taking division two of the Sunningdale Handicap. Opening at 6-1, the six-year-old touched 5-2 before being made 11-4 favourite.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Time Won't Wait (2.40 Fontwell Park)
Next best: Airtrak (3.40 Fontwell Park)

However, the horse declared on the racecard by Weatherbys — publishers of the official racecards and Jockey Club agents — was the eight-year-old point-to-pointer Crystal Heights, whose name does not carry the (Fr) suffix.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's Head of Public Affairs, said: "We have to sort out the root cause of the confusion. If the wrong horse won the race, it will be disqualified. Nigel Macfarlane, who is the secretary to the disciplinary committee, has 14 days to launch an objection to the race."

"If it is shown that the right horse won the race, the objection will be withdrawn. But, if it is shown to be the wrong one, it will lose it."

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Opening to a comedy

Colourful stories of America's little grey men

As a child, I was not known for my artistic skills. Building a house, for instance, was a task I could manage, but by strict adherence to what the school principles of draughts-ship - here's a house, here's a window, one, two, three, four. But people defied me. No matter how hard I tried, they all came out the same - huge heads, big black eyes and tiny, stick-like bodies. Parents and art teachers desired to see an extent that paper and crayons were eventually taken away and I was given a junior typewriter to play with. But after watching last night's *Horizon* (BBC2) I am convinced of a new and shocking explanation for my apparent artistic failings. I was kidnapped by aliens.

It's the only explanation. According to Martin Belderson's film, *Close Encounters*, there are people faithfully churning out drawings of their alien abductors all over

America. Big head, black eyes, the lot. Dead ringers, in fact, for my early efforts. The only significant difference as far as I can see, is that the Americans call these aliens "the greys". I didn't have grey in my crayon box.

Extra-terrestrial kidnapping is a big business in America. Based on a telephone survey of 6,000 adults (selected presumably from the membership lists of the *Twins* and *Kids* fan clubs), it has been estimated that some four million Americans have been abducted by aliens at some time.

Horizon chose to examine the phenomenon through the eyes (conventionally sized and a fetching shade of brown) of Dr Susan Blackmore, a British psychologist. Dr Blackmore is a remarkable woman, having dedicated 20 years to investigating the paranormal, despite "never really finding any evidence that convinced me there was something paranormal going on".

I wonder where that ranks on the job satisfaction scale.

She came entertainingly close to breaking her 20-year duck in a series of close encounters with numerous obscure academics (some sceptical, some positive, but always obscure) and with a number of "abductees".

I was all very low key, according to one man, with none of the expected formalities. "There was no 'we're here to save you' or 'take us to your leader'. Just 'relax - this won't take long'. Just our intergalactic luck, to be invaded by a race of alien dentists.

Dr Blackmore eventually concluded that some of the experiences could be explained by "false memory syndrome", which involves false memories being implanted while an individual is under hypnosis, and is blamed for other modern myths, such as ritual abuse. But others, she felt,

might be better explained by something called "temporal lobe seizure". To prove it, she donned a converted motorcycle helmet to have the required part of her brain electrically stimulated. Did it work? Well, sort of. "It felt like someone was pulling my left leg," she said in a strange voice. Funny, by now I was feeling something pretty much the same.

Alien abduction may not be all it

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

is cracked up to be, but it has to be preferable to another Monday night in the company of *Cracker* (ITV). The current three-part story, for those of you that may have forgotten, is a charming little collection based on the ideas that all men are rapists, that all women are dying for it, and that there is nothing a black man likes better than evening out raping white women. Nothing very controversial there, then.

Led by writer Jimmy McGovern, the *Cracker* team seems convinced that all publicity is good publicity. This is a pity, as the latest series has rightly attracted a lot of bad publicity and some of it should stick. Fierce criticism has come from the police who will have found little to enjoy in last night's second part, which suggested their treatment of rape victims had returned to the Stone Age.

"Haven't you heard?" asked DCI Wise (Ricky Tomlinson), as it

dawned on him that Fitz (Robbie Coltrane) knew nothing about the contraband on Penhaligon. "He raped her." You can almost hear the directorial guidance. "Little more insensitively please. Ricky love. Don't forget you're a policeman." As for the scene in which Penhaligon (Geraldine Somerville) recounts her story to no fewer than five male colleagues, well, it simply defied belief.


Despite the shortcomings of a script that mixes humour (including an eyewidener straight out of *Miss Marple*) and tragedy with the subtlety of a cement mixer, there are some splendid performances. None more so than that of Lorcan Cranitch as the hapless Beck, a policeman who couldn't catch a cab, let alone a cab-driving rapist. To judge from the significant, lingering camera shots last night Beck's luck is not about to change.


There was a fair amount of insensitivity on display in Channel 4's *Cutting Edge*. "Do you have any homosexual tendencies?" barked a terrifying sergeant-major figure. "No sir," shouted a frightened-looking young soldier. "Do you have any suicidal tendencies?" "No sir." The psychological profiling, the soldier got down to seeing his time in the glasshouse. Colchester's military corrective training centre said to have the harshest prison regime in Britain. It certainly has one of the briskest. Inmates are required to march at 140 paces a minute, a pace more familiar to rave-goes. *Glasshouse* proved a fascinating insight into the rigid, but not wholly unbending, regime at Colchester. Its director, Charles Thompson, however, must not be taken in by the enlightened military authorities who might have decided that they had nothing to hide and granted him access.

- BBC1**
- 6.00 *Business Breakfast* (46146)
 - 7.00 *BBC Breakfast News* (5870368)
 - 9.05 *Kilroy* (s) (2581252)
 - 10.00 *News* (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5822184) 10.05 *Good Morning with Anne and Nick*. Weekly magazine (s) (50854891)
 - 12.00 *News* (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7043320) 12.05 *Pebble Mill* (s) (6000078) 12.55 *Regional News and Weather* (5809929)
 - 1.00 *News* (Ceefax) and weather (71271)
 - 1.30 *Neighbours* (Ceefax) (s) (55293368) 1.50 *The Great British Quiz* (s) (55297184)
 - 2.15 *FILM: The Gelfin Boy* (1958) starring Jenny Lewis. Comedy about an accident-prone magician who befriends a young orphan while serving American troops in Japan. Directed by Frank Tashlin (809436)
 - 3.50 *Chucklevision* (s) (3858252) 4.10 *The New Yogi Berra Show* (s) (395207) 4.15 *Spaceways* (s) (7107861) 4.35 *It's Never Work*. Off-beat technology series (Ceefax) (5844707)
 - 5.00 *Newsround* (5776436) 5.10 *Byker Grove*. Children's youth centre drama series (Ceefax) (s) (597878)
 - 5.35 *Neighbours* (s) (Ceefax) (s) (482982)
 - 6.00 *Six O'Clock News* (Ceefax) and weather (691)
 - 6.30 *Regional News Magazine* (271)
 - 7.00 *Holiday*. Reports from a canal cruise in Northern Ireland, Tahiti, the Polish mountain range of Zakopane and a singles holiday in Turkey. (Ceefax) (s) (3959)
 - 7.30 *EastEnders* (Ceefax) (s) (455)
 - 8.00 *A Question of Sport*. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Jonathan Davies, Dermot Reeve, Barry Venison and Kelly Holmes. (Ceefax) (s) (3349)
 - 8.30 *Natural Neighbours*. Series on the relationship between people and animals. This week Griff Rhys Jones looks at dolphins. (Ceefax) (s) (5184)
 - 9.00 *Nine O'Clock News* (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1902)
 - 9.30 *Budget Broadcast* by the Conservative Party. (Ceefax) (592788)
 - 9.35 *Against All Odds* starring John Healer and Paul Parris. The story of 15-year-old twins who save up their paper-round money and secretly buy an Arab motorcar and train it to win races. (Ceefax) (s) (540610) Wales: *Week in Week Out* 10.05 *Against All Odds* 10.55 *Omnibus* 11.45-11.55am *Film: The Guardian*
 - 10.25 *Omnibus: Stevenson's Travels* (Ceefax) (s) (612374)
 - 11.15 *FILM: The Guardian* (1984) starring Martin Sheen and Louis Gossett Jr. A complex thriller about a nightwatchman hired to protect a New York apartment block from a vicious burglar. Directed by David Greene (s) (207087)
 - 12.45am *Weather* (2089224). Ends at 12.50
 - 2.45-3.15 *BBC Select: Executive Business Channel*. Scrambled (97478)

- BBC2**
- 7.00 *Crystal Tipps and Allstar* (s) (827223) 7.05 *Barney* (s) 7.10 *Thundercats* (s) (6706875) 7.30 *Blue Peter* (s) (Ceefax) (s) (65849)
 - 8.00 *Breakfast News* (Ceefax and signing) (4664117)
 - 8.15 *The Record*. Yesterday's parliamentary business (5835558) 8.35 *Whitman's Words*. Gordon Jackson visits the home of J. M. Barrie (s) (6006200) 8.50 *A Week to Remember* (b/w) (s) (1837368)
 - 9.00 *Daytime on Two*. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 *Playdays* (854417)
 - 2.00 *Christopher Crocodile* (s) (7500207) 2.05 *Spot*, narrated by Paul Nicholas (s) (7501349)
 - 2.10 *Budget 94*. Live coverage and analysis of Kenneth Clarke's Budget speech. With David Dimbleby, Peter Snow and Peter Jay (4257088)
 - 5.30 *Today's the Day*. Recent history quiz (s) (320)
 -  Will Smith as the rapping teenager (6.00pm)
 - 6.00 *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*. Mother's Day. American comedy series (s) (733349)
 - 6.25 *Heartbreak High*. Drama series set in an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (927287)
 - 7.10 *Harry Hill's Fruit Fancies* (b/w). Quirky comedy (844165)
 - 7.20 *Animation Now* (580349)
 - 7.30 *Open Space: Lunch is for Wimps!* (Ceefax) (s) (487)
 - 8.00 *Baby Monthly*. The last in the series looks at the changes the babies have undergone during their first year. (Ceefax) (s) (4891)
 - 8.30 *Food and Drink*. Includes a recipe for a vegetarian Christmas dinner. (Ceefax) (s) (3726)
 - 9.00 *FILM: My Name is Bill W* (1989) starring James Woods, James Garner and JoBeth Williams. Drama about an alcoholic who has lost everything including his wife and his job during the Depression years. He decides to pull himself together and with the help of a doctor friend he founds Alcoholics Anonymous. Directed by Daniel Petrie. (Ceefax) (3953) Northern Ireland: *Open Space* 9.30 *Baby Monthly* 10.00 *Food and Drink*
 - 10.30 *Budget Broadcast* by the Conservative Party. (Ceefax) (144455)
 - 10.35 *Newsnight* with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (373320)
 - 11.20 *The Late Show*. How technology might be sounding the death knell of the book (s) (589349) 12.00 *Weather* (207543)
 - 12.05am *News* (Ceefax) followed by *The Midnight Hour*. The day in Parliament (258301). Ends at 1.00
 - 2.00 *Night School: Teaching Today* (s) (553030)
 - 3.45-4.30 *BBC Select: Budget Special* (1388905)

- CHOICE**
- Omnibus: Stevenson's Travels* (BBC1, 10.25pm)
 - Robert Louis Stevenson died of a brain haemorrhage at the age of 44. The centenary of his death falls this month, hence a new report from *Omnibus* and other tributes around the BBC network. Stevenson is mainly remembered as the creator of *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. But he never took his writing seriously and it tended to be overshadowed by his large personality and extravagant adventures. John Archer's film uses Stevenson's wanderlust, partly prompted by his search for a healthy climate, as a central motif, and an excuse for the cameras to visit Scotland, France, New York and the South Seas. Stevenson's letters and journals help to fix the man to the places.
 -  David Constantine makes wheelchairs (ITV, 10.50pm)
 - Network First: The Visit* (ITV, 10.50pm)
 - This week's inspirational story from Desmond Wilton features David Constantine, who broke his neck in a diving accident 12 years ago. Confined to a wheelchair, he helps to run Motivation, a charity which makes wheelchairs for others. Its customers are the disabled of the developing world, victims of war or disease who might otherwise be left to waste away. Constantine's challenge is to make the wheelchairs as cheaply as possible using local labour and materials. In Britain wheelchairs cost more than £2,000. Motivation can turn them out for only £50. The cameras follow Constantine to Bangladesh, Indonesia and, above all, Cambodia, where 300 people a month lose their legs to randomly planted landmines.
 - Without Walls* (Channel 4, 9.00pm)
 - Matthew Parris of *The Times* selects public relations as his bad idea of the 20th century, an easy target but one which he attacks with relish and not a little anger. But since PR stunts are essentially designed for the media, you feel that Parris's bile should be just as much directed at glib newspaper and television shows. Tonight's good idea of the 20th century is American cops. It is propounded by someone who should know. As a young man, James Ellroy read about them. Later he was arrested by them and since 1979 he has been writing about them, as one of America's leading crime novelists. His homage comes in a cascade of words delivered at such speed that you want to tell him to slow down.
 - Open Space: Lunch is for Wimps!* (BBC2, 7.30pm)
 - For 15 years Keith Tait was a successful primary school head. But the job changed. As well as a teacher he was expected to be an accountant, personnel officer and site manager. He found himself working 60 and 70 hours a week, seeing less and less of his wife and family, and eventually the stress told. At 50 he was forced into early retirement. Tait tells his story not as a personal whinge but to highlight what he sees as a disturbing trend in the British labour market. Although unemployment is still high, people in work are being pushed harder and harder. One expert reckons it will get worse. Another thinks companies will come to realise that it is more expensive to ignore stress than to deal with it.

- CARLTON**
- 6.00am GMTV (3813271)
 - 9.25 *Supermarket Sweep* Shopping game show hosted by Dale Winton (s) (4928662) 9.55 *London Today* (Ceefax) and weather (6864894)
 - 10.00 *The Time... The Place* with John Stapleton (s) (5406510)
 - 10.35 *This Morning* (73317523) 12.00pm *London Today* (Ceefax) and weather (7208504)
 - 12.30 *News* (Teletext) and weather (1704977)
 - 12.55 *Emmerdale* (s) (Teletext) (5108338)
 - 1.25 *Home and Away* (Teletext) (20738165)
 - 1.55 *Vanessa*. Vanessa Feltz tackles the issue of bad mothers (s) (5200587) 2.25 *A Country Practice* (s) (233037) 2.50 *The Young Doctors* (7806010)
 - 3.20 *Budget 94*. John Suchet presents live coverage and expert analysis of the Chancellor's speech. With Dermot Murphgan, Nicholas Owen, Ruth Lea and Michael Brunson (24337523)
 - 5.10 *After 5* (Teletext) (2675894)
 - 5.40 *News* (Teletext) and weather (264946)
 - 5.55 *You Shout*. Viewers' opinions (467894)
 - 6.00 *Home and Away* (s) (Teletext) (287)
 - 6.30 *London Tonight* (Teletext) (639)
 - 7.00 *Emmerdale*. The lives and loves of the farming folk. (Teletext) (2087)
 - 7.30 *Capital Futures*. This week's programme explores London's alternatives to the car, and discovers an Underground service in desperate need of investment to keep itself on the rails (s) (523)
 - 8.00 *The Bill: Creating a Market*. Greg and Deakin go undercover to try to catch Sun Hill's mobile phone thieves. (Teletext) (8417)
 -  Quiz show host Michael Barrymore (8.30pm)
 - 8.30 *Strike it Lucky* (Teletext) (s) (7332)
 - 9.00 *Soldier, Soldier: Poles Apart*. A young lusher is a source of aggravation for Nelson and Farrell - especially when matters take a turn for the worse. (Teletext) (s) (7875)
 - 10.00 *News at Ten* (Teletext) and weather (43207)
 - 10.30 *London Tonight* (Teletext) and weather (95829)
 - 10.40 *Budget 94 - The Chancellor of the Exchequer* (128417)
 - 10.50 *Network First: The Visit - Chariots of Fire*. (Teletext) (s) (778726)
 - 11.50 *Prisoner Cell Block H* (857707)
 - 12.00am *Street Legal* (3007214)
 - 1.50 *FILM: House of Evil* (1983) starring Kathryn McNiel. Seven sorority sisters, deprived of a graduation party by their house mother, decide to get revenge by playing a foolish prank on her. However, things go from bad to worse when she dies as a result of their trick. Directed by Mark Rosman (149127)
 - 3.30 *Sport AM* with Bob Symes (74479)
 - 4.30 *Beyond Reality*. Tales of the paranormal (s) (78951)
 - 5.00 *Cinema, Cinema* (s) (68450)
 - 5.30 *ITN Morning News* (141634). Ends at 6.00

- CHANNEL 4**
- 6.35 *Terrytoons*. Classic cartoons (4610329)
 - 7.00 *The Big Breakfast* (61894)
 - 9.00 *You Bet Your Life* (s) (518984)
 - 9.30 *Schools: Eureka!* (9474078) 9.45 *Stop, Look, Listen* (9462233) 10.00 *Footways Farm* (5806146) 10.10 *Maths Evening* (7030500) 10.25 *How We Used to Live* (1878952) 10.45 *Hatfield* (1143233) 11.00 *Science in Focus* (6282523) 11.22 *Stage One* (9153020) 11.35 *Schools at Work* (5449455) 11.45 *First Edition* (3037349)
 - 12.00 *House to House* with Maya Even (44418)
 - 12.30 *Sesame Street*. Pre-school learning series. The guest is Robin Williams (68829) 1.30 *Trumpet* followed by Little Brm (48834)
 - 2.00 *FILM: Bitter Harvest* (1961) starring Ron Howard and Art Carney. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about a young dairy farmer whose efforts to try to find the cause of what is killing his cattle and has affected his baby daughter are met with stonewalling agriculture officials. Directed by Roger Young. (Teletext) (529346)
 - 3.45 *Contact High*. A short about the translation of a manual for contact lens wearers (4843962)
 - 4.00 *Crawshaw Paints*. Acrylics Alwyn and Jane Crawshaw sketching flowers, boats, mountains and waves at Derrynane harbour on the Ring of Kerry. (Teletext) (252)
 - 4.30 *Fifteen to One* (Teletext) (s) (436)
 - 5.00 *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. The guests are child geniuses (s) (Teletext) (s) (2704581)
 - 5.50 *Terrytoons* featuring Deputy Dug (457417)
 - 6.00 *Batman*. (Teletext) (829)
 - 6.30 *Gamesmaster*. Computer games news (s) (981)
 - 7.00 *Channel 4 News*. Including extended coverage of the Budget details (Teletext). Weather (9233)
 - 8.00 *Ride On*. Magazine series on transport and transport issues. (Teletext) (2287)
 - 8.30 *Brookside*. (Teletext) (s) (8894)
 - 9.00 *Without Walls*. Bad ideas of the 20th century - PR. (Teletext) (s) (584813) 9.45 *Without Walls: Good ideas of the 20th century* - The American Cop. (Teletext) (s) (624368)
 -  Cusack, Rea in a domestic comedy (10.00pm)
 - 10.00 *FILM: Bad Behaviour* (1992) starring Stephen Rea and Sinead Cusack. A comedy about an Irish middle-class couple facing a midlife crisis in Kenilworth town, north London. Directed by Les Blair. (Teletext) (s) (8252)
 - 12.00 *South Central*. American comedy (48547)
 - 12.30am *Football Italia* - Mezzanotte. Highlights of the Serie A game between Inter and Parma (19721)
 - 1.30 *World Tennis*. The last in the series features the Swedish tennis player in Indonesia (19160)
 - 2.00 *Extreme East*. European youth culture and music series (s) (55488)
 - 2.30 *FILM: Quiet Please, Murder* (1942, b/w) starring George Sanders. Thriller about a murder and the hunt for the killer. Directed by John Larkin (50553) Ends at 3.45

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THOMPSON REVIVES
ENGLAND'S PROSPECTS
IN WORLD CUP

Third-wicket stand ends Australia's dominance of first Test Hick pulls England round

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN BRISBANE

TELEVISION cameras have no regard for private grief, and they were trained mercilessly on Mark Taylor here yesterday as the Australian captain grimly contemplated the possibility that he had squandered the most precious of his inheritances.

Allan Border acquired the wisdom of psychology during his long years in the job. He learnt to flatten teams when they were frail and he applied the knowledge without scruple through three consecutive Ashes series, each of them one-sided.

Whether they liked to admit it or not, England began this series with an inferiority complex about the Australians and Taylor was in a position to reinforce it on Sunday by making them follow on at

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA First Innings 426 (M J Slater 176, M E Waugh 140, M A Taylor 95, D Gough 4 for 107)

Second Innings
M A Taylor c Stewart b Tufnell 58 (102min, 100 balls, 5 fours)
M J Slater lbw b Gough 45 (109min, 79 balls, 5 fours)
D C Boon b Tufnell 28 (177min, 120 balls)
M E Waugh b Tufnell 15 (86min, 34 balls, 3 fours)
M G Bevan c Rhodes b DeFreitas 21 (109min, 44 balls, 3 fours)
S R Waugh c sub b Tufnell 7 (25min, 21 balls, 1 four)
T A Healy not out 45 (99min, 73 balls, 5 fours)
S K Warne c sub b DeFreitas 40 (99min, 5 balls)
C J McDermott c Rhodes b Gough 6 (30min, 19 balls)
T B A May not out 9 (40min, 35 balls)
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 2, nb 1) 14

Total (6 wickets down, 86 ov, 356min) 246
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109 (Taylor 51), 2-117 (Boon 41), 3-132 (Boon 11), 4-174 (Boon 23), 5-187 (Boon 23), 6-190 (Healy 4), 7-191 (Healy 5), 8-201 (Healy 5)
BOWLING: DeFreitas 22-1-74-2 (4-11), 0-6-37-0 (10-13), 2-0-15-0 (10-15), 2-3-78-2 (4-11), 3-1-32-1 (5-10), 1-1-19-1 (Tufnell 38), 10-7-54-2 (14-22), 3-2-23-3 (Gough 3-2-5-0 (one spell), Hick 2-1-1-0 (one spell))

ENGLAND First Innings 167 (M A Atherton 54, C J McDermott 6 for 53)

Second Innings
M A Atherton lbw b Warne 23 (58min, 40 balls, 3 fours)
A J Stewart b Warne 33 (50min, 40 balls, 6 fours)
G A Hick not out 76 (250min, 181 balls, 11 fours)
G P Thorpe not out 82 (243min, 200 balls, 8 fours)
Extras (b 2, lb 8) 17
Total (2 wickets, 77 overs, 301min) 271
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50 (Atherton 15), 2-58 (Hick 1)
BOWLING: McDermott 15-4-61-0 (5-1), 24-0-22-0 (7-15), 15-12-0 (14-8), 47-0 (4-1-13-0), 2-0-12-0 (3-0-15-0), 2-0-11-0 (1-1-17-0), 3-0-5-0 (10-15), 1-1-19-1 (Tufnell 38), 10-7-54-2 (14-22), 3-2-23-3 (Gough 3-2-5-0 (one spell), Hick 2-1-1-0 (one spell))

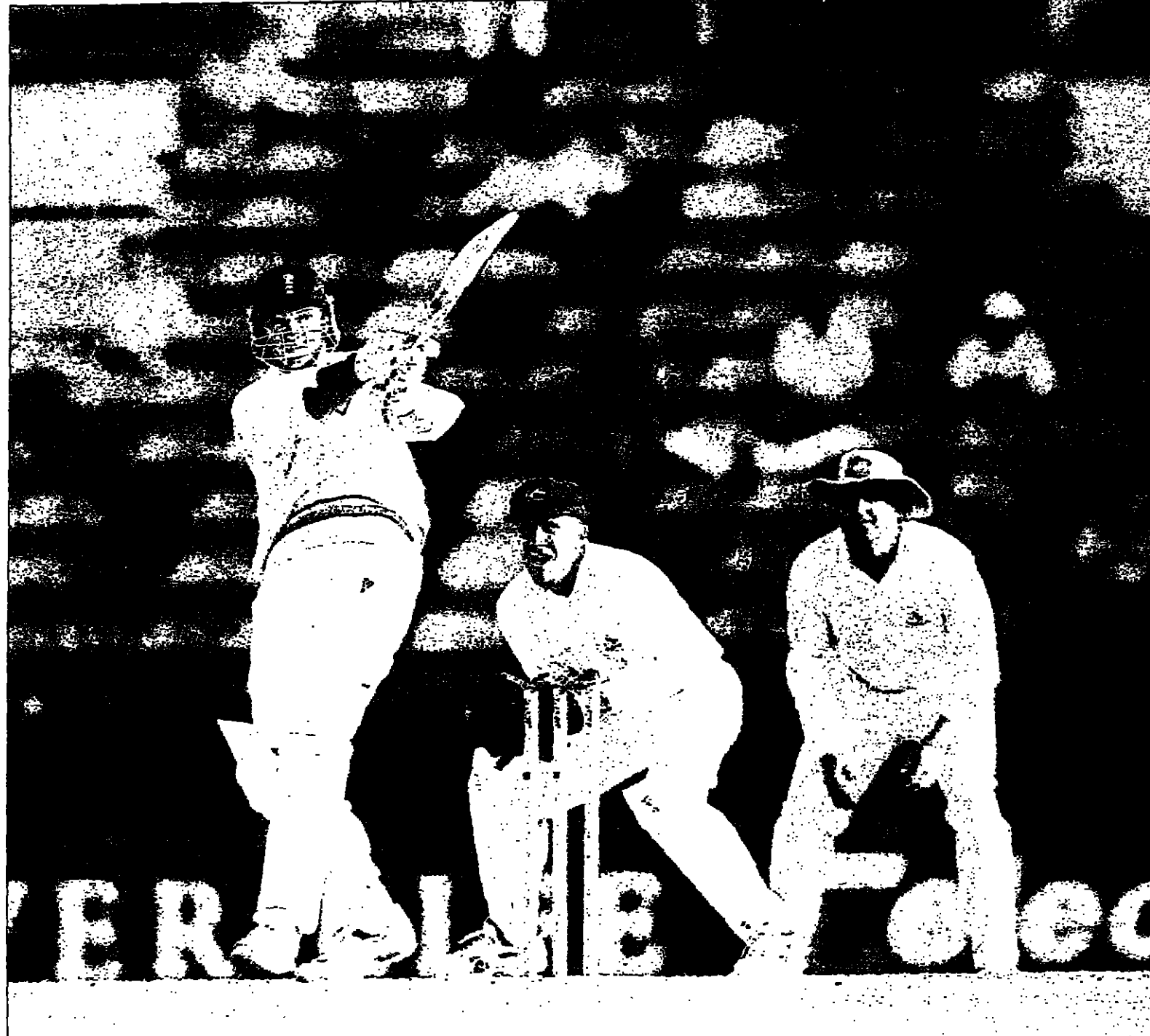
TESTS TO COME: Second: Melbourne (Dec 24-29) Third: Sydney (Jan 1-5) Fourth: Adelaide (Jan 26-30) Fifth: Perth (Feb 3-7)

Compiled by Bill Fendall

their lowest ebb. Border would surely have done so, for it was what England most dreaded. Taylor's reluctance initially seemed strange and, by last night, it had the makings of calamity.

With a day of this first Test match remaining, England were in distant sight of survival and could even dream of miraculous victory. Even if they were beaten, however, the spectre of humiliation had been banished, the awful prospect of another winter of browbeating held at bay.

The opportunity to regroup in the field had been used, to some effect, when the time came for England to bat again. Starting the fourth



Hick on the attack during the partnership with Thorpe that restored English pride on the fourth day of the first Test in Brisbane yesterday

innings of the match, which might not even have been necessary had Taylor acted differently, they were required to score 508 to win or bat 11 hours for a draw.

As their first innings had comprised 167 runs in little more than four hours, neither contingency seemed plausible, especially when Shane Warne needed only 15 balls to dismiss both openers, either side of lunch. But that, remarkably, was an end to the Australian ascendancy. Four hours later, and not one more wicket to the good, they left the field knowing they could still win the game, but not with the swagger and style that England have come to know and fear.

The third-wicket stand between Graeme Hick and Graham Thorpe was numerically worth 152 by the close, an England record for any wicket in Brisbane. But psychologically it was worth very much more. It had given England dignity and it had instilled in two players the belief that the high ground in this series need not be forbidden territory to them. It had also chastened and irked the Australians.

Taylor batted on for 52 minutes yesterday morning, his mission to render all fanciful prospects of defeat unthinkable. History says he

succeeded, for the eventual target was 102 runs more than has been successfully chased in the last innings of a Test. But these were surely cosmetic statistics and popular opinion had it that English stoicism would crack the moment Warne was summoned.

For a time, all went according to script. Alex Stewart, who had bristled effectively against Craig McDermott, taking three hours from his fourth over, was intent that Warne should not dictate when he came on for the tenth over. He cut him square for

four, then rocked back to prepare something equally belligerent when Warne dropped his next ball similarly short. But this one was the flipper and it snaked through Stewart's unsuspecting pull.

With his third ball after lunch, Warne produced a perfectly pitched leg break which did not turn as much as Michael Atherton anticipated and won a convincing leg before shout. Atherton and Stewart made their way up to the broadcasting gantry, armed themselves with binoculars and studied the myster-

ies of Warne's wrist and finger actions. Admirably, they were preparing for another day, but this one was not yet done. Hick was more composed than on Saturday and Thorpe, initially insecure against Warne, found his way like a man fumbling in the dark and locating the light switch.

There were some cheap runs, none cheaper than the four carelessly flung over the heads of Hick and Ian Healy by McDermott at the end of a frustrating over. There was the odd escape, such as the googly from Warne which

almost bowled Hick as he shouldered arms. But there was application, too, and when Hick completed a fluent half-century, he seemed about to play an innings of majesty.

Instead, he proceeded to play one of iron resolution, which was equally impressive. Wearing a sweater, in 30-degree heat, to protect his stiff back, Hick added only another 22 in a further 40 overs before the close. In a fallow 75 minutes after tea, he made just one single. It was a most uncharacteristic innings, yet he seldom looked troubled.

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Fletcher remains hopeful

KEITH Fletcher, the buoyant England manager, said he felt that his team had a chance of victory on the final day. "It's an outside chance, but it's on," he said. "We must bat until tea then look at the position."

"But if we can bat until tea, we should have scored between 170 and 180 runs. Then there will be an hour plus 15 overs left. The ball is turning, though, and the odds are still on Australia. But if we can show the same character we did this afternoon, we can still save it."

"We couldn't afford to lose wickets in the last session. We needed to go into the final day with only two wickets down, and Graeme Hick and Graham Thorpe took responsibility and stuck it out," he continued.

"It's fair to say that morale is higher now than it might have been. Hick and Thorpe have shown they can play their spinners. That's done a lot for us, looking ahead."

"We are more accustomed now to the way Warne bowls than when we first came across him in England last year," Fletcher added.

"We've also learnt a bit from studying videos, though doubtless he has learnt a bit about our strengths and weaknesses as well."

He also insisted that Thorpe and Hick had not been given full recognition for their ability. "Graeme is a very high-quality player and I don't think he's been given the credit he deserves over the last 18 months," he said. "And Graham's talent bodes well for the future. He's one of our better players of spin."

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Raith relishing joining ranks of high-flyers

Kevin McCarron on the Scottish footballing small fry happily caught up in the big time

The Raith Rovers jerseys advertise a Kirkcaldy nightspot called Jackie O's. The millionaire associations had seemed ludicrous for a team attracting 2,500 for a Scottish League first division match at dilapidated Stark's Park, but they grew fearfully apt on Sunday. Victory over Celtic in the Coca-Cola Cup final ensures that the Fife club will be among the European plutocrats next season.

Their place in the UEFA Cup was guaranteed by their 6-5 success in the penalty shoot-out that followed a 2-2 draw at Ibrox. Kirkcaldy is usually more interested in the Fife Flyers ice hockey team than Raith Rovers. Indeed, the football club was 24 hours away from receivership in April.

This triumph, though, at last seduced the townspeople. Even school playgrounds were full of scarves and badges yesterday as Raith finally became hip. Their feat is almost unparalleled in Scottish football history. East Fife are the only other club to have won a league honour while in a lower division, winning the 1938 Scottish Cup and the League Cup of 1947-48.

They, however, did not have to defeat a member of the Old Firm in either final, and even Raith have been taken by surprise. The use of a Marks and Sparks plastic bag to carry the trophy into the ground yesterday spoke of a club in need of a beginner's guide to glory.

The manager, Jimmy Nicholl, conceded that nothing in his eminent playing career had prepared him. "I never had this feeling with Manchester United or Rangers," he said, "because you took success for granted."

On Sunday, Nicholl could only affect nonchalance for the moment or two before he noticed the emotional condition of his most rugged defender. "I was all right until I saw Dave Sinclair crying," he said. "He's one of the hardest nuts I've ever known; he's got tattoos on his teeth. I realised then what it meant to the players, and that was me away."

Several signings, however, will be required before the relationship with a disaffected support can even begin to be mended. Burns knows it. "When the final penalty was missed," he said, "I turned to go down the tunnel and all I could see was a cascade of scarves being thrown away. It was like a dagger through my heart."

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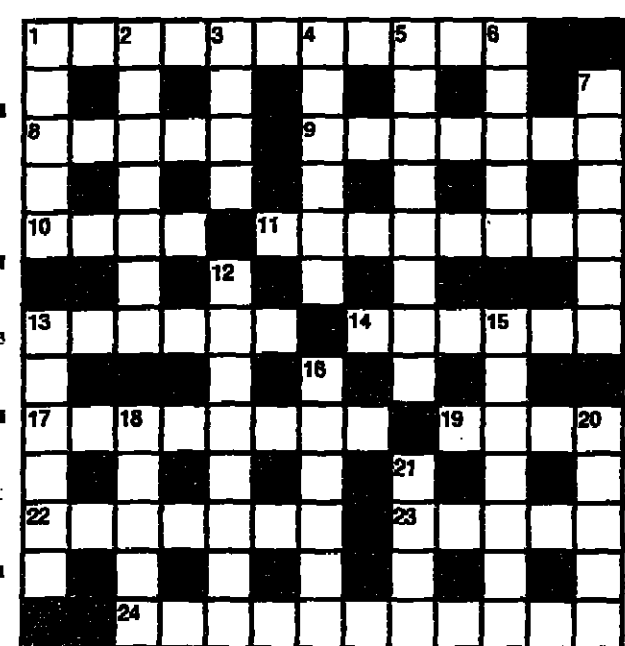
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No 331

- ACROSS
1 Servants' basement (5,6)
8 Make void (5)
9 Nominal (7)
10 Lengthy journey seeing sights (4)
11 Rite (8)
13 Take for ransom (6)
14 Hardened (to) (6)
17 Mess up (clothes) (8)
19 - Bovary (Flaubert) - (Jane Austen) (4)
22 Inconsistent (7)
23 Draw a similarity (5)
24 Child's allowance (6,5)
- DOWN
1 Brag (5)
2 Unenthusiastic, spiritless (7)
3 Determination: legal document (4)
4 Walk unsteadily (6)
5 Eventually (2,3,3)
6 Volley of shots (5)
7 Worn and tattered (6)
12 August (8)
13 Bean-shaped body organ (6)
15 Fireproof baking dish (7)
16 Snatch from danger (6)
18 Abandon: fight (5)
20 Ink (5)
21 Silently miserable (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 330
ACROSS: 1 Bosom 4 Angelic 8 Blacklist 9 Ago 10 Pod 11 Tasteless 12 Bilge 13 Husky 16 Mercurial 18 All 20 Saw 21 Foolhardy 22 Dry-eyed 23 Gower
DOWN: 1 Behop 2 Scandal 3 Make the fur fly 4 Amidst 5 Go the whole hog 6 Leave 7 Crossly 12 Bemused 14 Sparrow 15 Milord 17 Rowdy 19 Layer

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine Capablanca, Buenos Aires 1927. White has a chance to break through the black defences with a brilliant combination. Can you see it?

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By Philip Howard

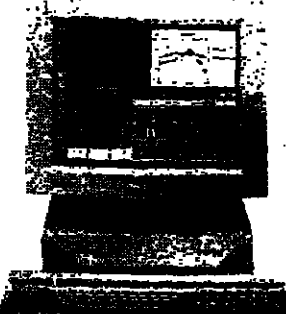
SMILACINA
a. A facial wrinkle
b. A herb
c. An armoured helmet
URUSHI
a. An Indian language
b. An uprising
c. A lacquer tree

YANTRA
a. A geometrical diagram
b. Curdled yak's milk
c. A junk's square sail
SKHOD
a. A village assembly
b. A ditching spade
c. A son-in-law

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